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Reagan may leave hospital shortly

WASHINGTON, April 9 (Agencies) — President Reagan may be discharged from George Washington University Hospital over the weekend, a hospital spokesman said Wednesday. Dr. Dennis O'leary, the hospital's dean of clinical affairs, said he thinks "a reasonable expectation is that he would leave the hospital sometime between Friday and Monday, assuming he continues his steady improvement."

O'leary added that "we're not rushing him out of here and we're not rushing to get out." Tuesday, O'leary and the president's own physician had cautioned that the chief executive might have to be hospitalized into next week, in part because his age may have slowed his recovery from a bullet wound in the left lung.

Doctors said then that Reagan may have to remain hospitalized until his fever is gone and is off the antibiotics he has been taking to ward off possible infection. Early Wednesday, White House spokesman Mark Weinberg said a chest X-ray in the morning showed further improvement in Reagan's condition.

Reagan's continuing fever ended Wednesday night and his temperature was now back normal, the White House said Thursday in its daily health bulletin.

Reagan spent a quiet night, the bulletin said. His fever began last Friday. Dr. O'leary has said that when Reagan turns to the White House, he will begin by working only a few hours daily.

Reagan was visited at mid-day by former Texas Gov. John Connally, Sen. Paul Laxalt, and the White House Chief of Staff, James A. Baker III. The president was planning to sign an executive order on federalism — turning some federal functions to the states. The president's wife also visited with the chief executive and brought him a box of candy she had reporters was from the King of Morocco and a framed picture of Bob Hope dressed in an Easter bunny suit.

Reagan also met Thursday morning with his top aides — Baker, Counselor Edwin Meese III and Michael K. Deaver, deputy chief of staff — for a discussion of foreign affairs, including Poland and Lebanon.

The president has been sent 74,600 "get well" messages, a music box, a glass pig containing 25 kg of jelly beans and a goldfish in a plastic bag filled with water, a White House spokesman said Thursday.

Meanwhile, in Philadelphia, the secret service arrested a boarding school employee on charge of threatening the life of Reagan the day before another Pennsylvania man was rescued in New York on a similar charge. S. attorney Peter A. Vaira confirmed Wednesday.

Steven E. Seach was arrested Monday, the day before Edward M. Richardson was charged in New York city, Vaira said, according to Vaira, after Reagan was wounded in an assassination attempt last week, Seach allegedly told a co-worker "if he'd been in Washington, he would not have issued" and said he wanted time off to go to the capital and "finish the job." The co-worker notified the secret service.

J.K.-PLO talks denied

LONDON, April 9 (AP) — Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington has no plans to meet Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, now or in the near future, the Foreign Office said Thursday. A spokesman for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, meanwhile, disputed a version of an interview with her, published by the Israeli daily *Al-Anba*, the paper quoted Mrs. Thatcher as saying Carrington will meet Arafat in his capacity as chairman of the European Common Market's Council, a post Carrington takes over July 2.

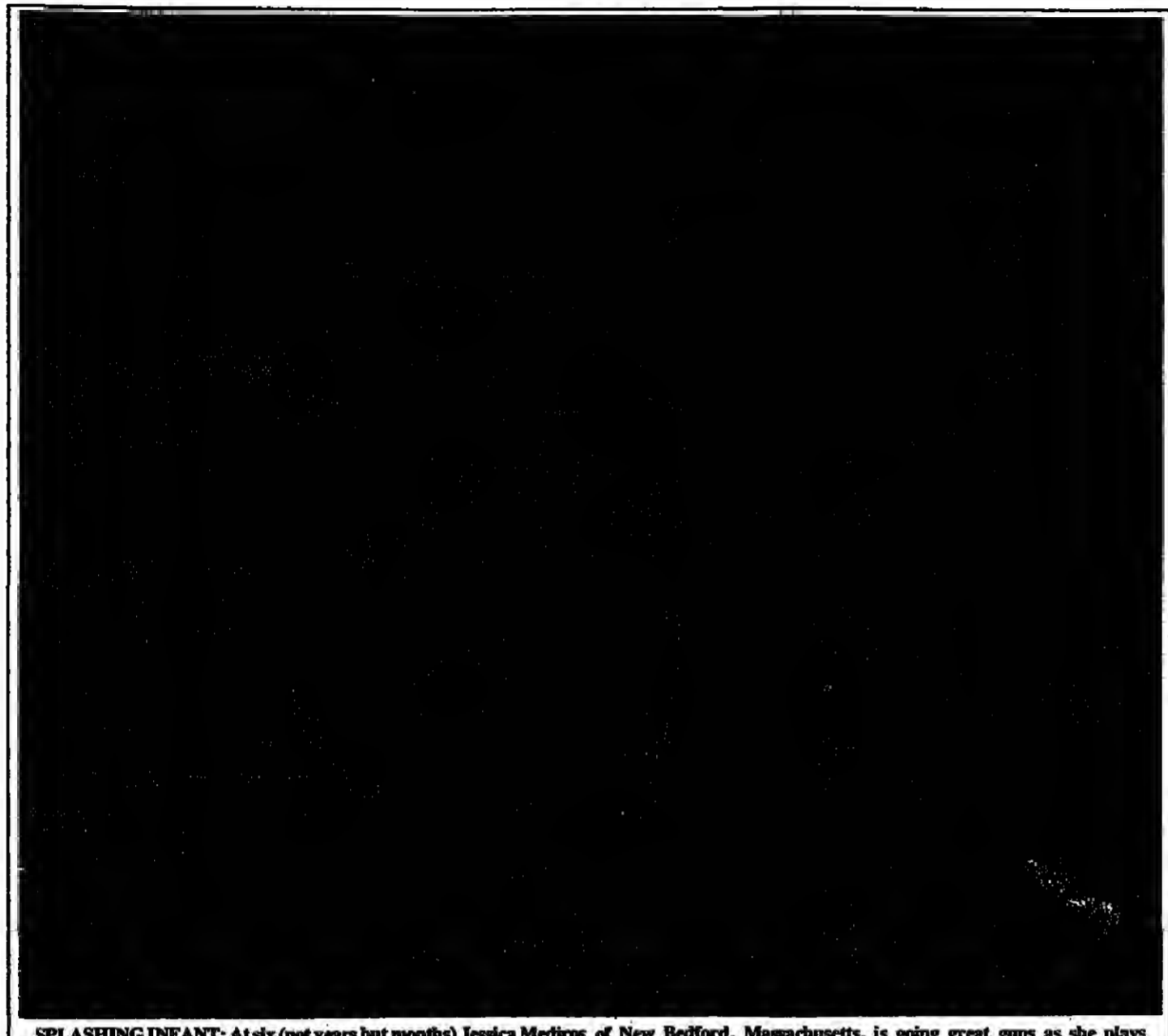
What the prime minister actually said, the spokeswoman said, was that Carrington may have to see "various PLO personalities including Arafat. But Mrs. Thatcher emphasized that Carrington would not meet Arafat in his capacity of the British foreign secretary. She added that Britain had no intention of recognizing the PLO diplomatically because it only recognizes the governments of countries.

Strikes cripple Italy

ROME, April 9 (AP) — A wave of Italian strikes shut down most of the country's airline stations and forced the cancellation of 50 per cent of Alitalia's international flights at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport Thursday.

The nationwide walkout of station owners is called to press their demand for a higher price from the state on gasoline sales. Flight attendants of Alitalia went on strike demanding 3 higher wages. Domestic flights were not affected.

In Milan, personnel of state-run hospitals went on strike for four hours to protest the delayed enforcement of a new contract. Meanwhile, unions confirmed for Monday a nationwide 24-hour strike of 3 million public employees which would close post offices, elementary schools, kindergartens and public hospitals.



SPLASHING INFANT: At six (not years but months) Jessica Mediros of New Bedford, Massachusetts, is going great guns as she plays underwater during the recent aquatic program.

All set for today's space shuttle blastoff

CAPF CANAVERAL Florida, April 9 (Agencies) — Provisions for Friday's scheduled blast-off of the Columbia space shuttle are excellent, officials said here following an inspection of the craft Thursday by its two astronauts.

John Young and Robert Crippen are due to take off at 6:50 a.m. (1150 GMT) Friday aboard the 756-ton space shuttle coupled to its blast-off rockets.

After the inspection, the two astronauts made some runs aboard Gulfstream II jets to practice landing on a nearby airstrip. The planes' piloting system has been modified to simulate that of the space shuttle.

The nearby 4,600-meter (5,000-yard) landing strip is to be used in case of an emergency after take-off. The space shuttle is scheduled to land on a California air base after a 54-hour flight in space.

A spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration called ongoing pre-launch preparations "uneventful." Air Force weather officers forecast decent conditions for Friday morning.

On launch pad 39-A, from which Apollo 11 left earth for man's first walk on the moon, work crews were preparing to load, starting late Thursday night, more than 500,000 gallons of volatile liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen fuels to drive the shuttle's three main engines.

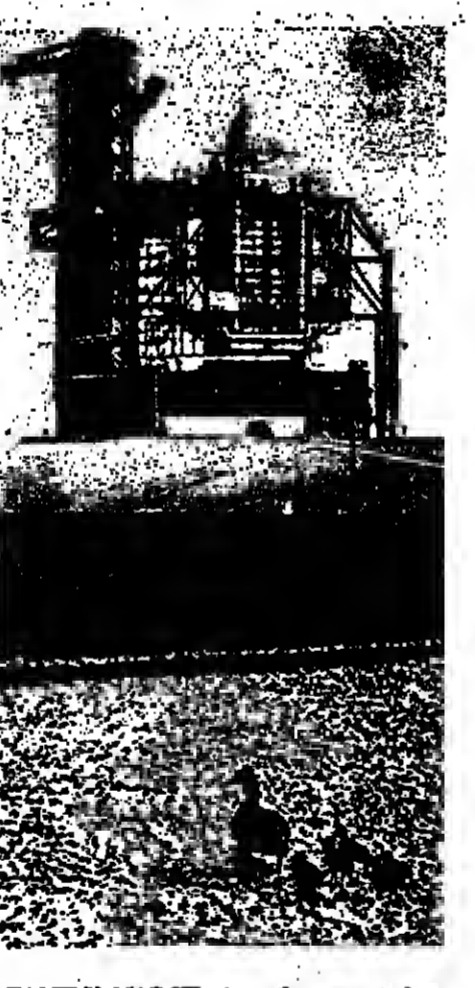
Young and Crippen flew here Wednesday to meet with project officials and to make final preparations for mission that is one of the most important in the U.S. man-in-space program. This nation's future in space — scientifically, commercially and militarily — is riding on this launching of the world's first reusable spacecraft.

It is strictly a test flight, with Young and Crippen slated to exercise all of Columbia's complex parts — its flight controls, cargo doors, engines, computers, fuel and life support systems, and its ability to land back on a runway like an airliner.

They are to orbit the earth 36 times in 54 1/2 hours. But this is the first time a spaceship has been flown by men without first being launched unmanned. So the astronauts are prepared to bring the 80-ton Columbia back to earth at any time if there is a mission-threatening problem.

Young and Crippen, on arrival Wednesday were met by ground crews wearing protective masks to guard against passing along any infectious disease. Young, the mission commander, told reporters, who were kept yards (90 meters) away: "Bob and I are about ready to fly this thing. We look forward to the flight. We're hoping everything will be all right."

"Columbia is in great shape," Crippen added. "The launch team tells us it's almost ready to go." Young has been here before — having flown on four earlier space missions.



FAMILY MARCH: A mother escorts her family of baby ducklings toward Space Shuttle Columbia during a tour of the pad. The behind-the-scenes shuttle is finally slated to lift off in America's first space venture in many years. The reusable craft is due to fly a 54-hour mission before landing on the west coast.

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Women 'fall victims' to Cairo phone employees

CAIRO, April 9 (AP) — A big scandal involving telephone company employees who eavesdropped on women's calls, then tried to blackmail their victims for sexual favors, is the gossip of Cairo.

This is especially true in Abbassia, the lower middle-class neighborhood where some 2,000 lines were allegedly tapped over a period of what authorities say may be more than a year's time. So far, four employees have been arrested and face trial.

An American working for a U.S. consulting firm that is studying Cairo's patched-up telephone system says investigators are searching for more culprits. And in Abbassia, according to residents of the area, husbands and wives are tending to discuss the subject quite gingerly.

The last, a walk on the moon, began nine years ago this month. Crippen, in contrast, is making his first trip away from his planet.

More than 3,000 journalists from around the globe have checked in to cover the event. Television networks will beam the launch live around the world. Congressmen, government officials, officers of industry, movie and television stars and entertainers were converging on the area in private jets. The chief of Soviet cosmonaut training also took note of the launching, especially the military aspects. He said it would touch off a new arms race and bring "the United States nothing, no advantages, except new, enormous, colossal expenditures and more international tension."

Meanwhile, a two-ship flotilla — the specially designed NASA navy — will replace the massive recovery fleets of an earlier space era when the shuttle Columbia takes flight, dropping reusable rockets in its wake.

U.S. navy fleets that found and recovered past NASA crews and capsules are no longer needed because the shuttle is designed to glide to a runway landing. Instead the UTC *Freedom* and the UTC *Liberty* have been built to retrieve and tow the shuttle's "cast-away" rocket casings so they can be used again.

The boosters, 150 feet long and 12 feet in diameter, provide the jets the shuttle off the launch pad fast enough to make orbit. The rockets are mounted on each side of the huge external tank which feeds the engines of the orbiter itself.

The SRB's, as the boosters are known, are the largest solid-propellant motors ever flown and the first designed for reuse. Because they burn so fast and powerfully, the shuttle will rise much more swiftly off the launch pad than the far bigger Saturn 5 liquid-fuel rockets that launched Apollo astronauts.

The rockets burn for two minutes 12 seconds, trailing a spectacular, miles-long plume of white smoke. By then the shuttle will be traveling 2,900 mph, 28 miles above earth's surface. Explosive bolts will separate boosters from shuttle and they'll be slowed by the largest parachutes ever built as they splash into the Atlantic, 160 miles southeast of Cape Canaveral.

That's where NASA's fleet comes in. Since the shuttle program is expected to hit a 40-year pace, it was economical for NASA to have its own recovery vessels.

The husband wonders what his wife has been up to and the wife wonders if her husband knows about it," said Zena Ramzi, an assistant druggist who has relatives in the neighborhood. A columnist in Cairo's semi-official daily, *Al-Ahram*, wrote, "I cannot say it is a crime of larceny, adultery, treason, rape or violating laws or disturbing the peace of the community. It is all such crimes in one."

Investigators say the employees monitored gossip calls among housewives, picking up on the complaints women exchanged about their husbands. In some cases, the women intimidated infidelity. In other cases, the women may have been placing secret calls to lovers.

The telephone workers allegedly collected embarrassing tidbits, then showed up at the women's homes and offered to swap secrecy for intimacy, or money.

The American consultant, who asked that his name and the name of his company not be used, said investigators suspect the scam was perfected to the point errant phone company workers would call on random households on the pretext of checking on the service.

"They were actually checking out the women," the American said. "If they liked her, they would tap her line. Then they would return and threaten to tell all to her husband." It is illegal for anyone outside of government security to tap telephones in Egypt, but the American consultant said the system here had been designed, to facilitate eavesdropping.

To Poland Soviet threat seen postponed

MOSCOW, April 9 (Agencies) — The possibility of Soviet intervention in Poland has been postponed, not removed, and this week's lowering of tension may be only temporary, diplomats said here Thursday. The growing unrest inside Poland's ruling Communist Party may be crucial in deciding future Soviet actions, they said.

President Leonid Brezhnev calmed anxieties over Soviet intentions when he said "one must suppose" Polish Communists would be able to rebuff enemies of the socialist system. His remarks Tuesday contained no new ultimatum toward Warsaw. And was quickly followed by an announcement that Warsaw Pact maneuvers were over.

Diplomats who have studied Brezhnev's statement at Czechoslovak Communist Party congress in Prague believe Poland's hard-pressed Communist leaders have been given one more chance.

They said that by using the words "one must suppose," Brezhnev significantly watered down his expression of confidence in the Polish party, suggesting his assessment might change. "Such phrases do not appear by accident," a diplomat noted.

Brezhnev went further than he had done before in drawing a parallel between the 1968 crisis in Czechoslovakia, which led to a Warsaw Pact action and the present events in Poland. Though Poland's labor unrest has

been frequently compared with the situation in Czechoslovakia, the Soviet Union until now hesitated to make the link publicly.

Western diplomats said Czechoslovak leader Gustav Husak obviously had Brezhnev's endorsement for his speech at the congress in which he restated the "Brezhnev doctrine."

By deciding to make a surprise journey to Prague, Brezhnev seemed to have intentionally awakened memories of 1968 crisis to send a symbolic message to Warsaw.

Soviet citizens curious to know what is going on in Warsaw complain of another kind of information blackout: Polish newspapers and magazines, once freely available, now hardly ever reach the bookstalls here.

In Prague, Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Bohuslav Choupek Thursday implicitly ruled out military intervention in Poland in the immediate future, but hinted that the Warsaw Pact was leaving its options open.

Meanwhile, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany warned Thursday that an intervention by force in Poland "would change the world" and might make West Germany re-examine its position on détente. Schmidt made the comments in an address to parliament before a debate on relations between East and West Germany.

Schmidt confirmed that Brezhnev would be visiting Bonn "sometime this year."

New U.K. party forges ahead

LONDON, April 9 (AP) — Britain's new center party, the Social Democratic Party, said Thursday it has recruited 43,566 members since its launch 10 days ago.

"We're going to have a very powerful and effective organization on the ground," declared former Defense Minister William Rogers, one of the SDP's founders and leaders. "These people are very much committed."

Rogers said the membership figure includes about 10 per cent who have said they will support the party, but who do not wish to be full-time voting members. Each has paid a £ 9 (\$19.80) membership fee.

Rogers told a news conference: "This means we're right on target. Our aim has been 100 fully paid-up members in each constituency by the end of the year—that is, about 60,000." The SDP's membership figure was far above the 12,000 total political

insiders had expected and have the fledgling party a big boost in its drive to make its mark on British politics.

The rush to join the party, the first significant new political movement to emerge in Britain in 80 years, reflected its popularity in opinion polls as a meaningful alternative to the ruling Conservative Party under right-wing Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the leftward-lurching Labor Party.

The party was formally launched last month, mainly by moderate defectors from the Labor Party, Britain's socialist movement, in protest against its leftwing's increasing control. The SDP is pushing hard to ditch its image as a Labor splinter group. The membership drive also heightened its importance amid negotiations with the middle-road Liberal Party for a parliamentary alliance.

Customs men launch Irish blockade

LONDON, April 9 (AP) — Customs officers in northern Ireland and at eight British ports launched an "indefinite strike" Thursday as the country's civil service unions stepped up a campaign of disruption over a pay dispute with the government.

Union leaders also threatened a national stoppage by 530,000 white-collar state employees if the Royal Navy sends in technicians to maintain Britain's force of nuclear Polaris submarines at their strike-hit base in Scotland.

Scores of key personnel at a top-secret satellite tracking station in the north of Scotland were ordered to strike late Wednesday night, hampering interception of intelligence data vital to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Other secret military bases

also have been hit by walkouts.

Union organizer Alistair Graham said Thursday's action by more than 300 customs personnel will mean a "total blockade" of cargo between the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland and the British mainland.

The civil servants' five-week-old campaign has already caused widespread disruption of the government machine. Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe admitted Wednesday that shutdowns at computer and other facilities have deprived the hard-pressed state of £1 billion (\$2.2 billion).

However, union leaders claimed the figure is closer to £2.2 billion (\$4.8 billion). The unions are demanding a 13 per cent pay increase, but Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government refused to go above seven per cent.

Japanese discovers a new star

OKAYAMA, April 9 (AP) — Minoru Honda, director of the Kurashiki Astronomical Observatory, said Thursday he has discovered a new star and won international confirmation of its existence.

The new star with brightness of 6.5 at the northern end of the southern crown was

photographed by Honda at predawn last Friday in Kayo, Okayama prefecture, western Japan.

After finding the star, Honda asked the Paris-based International Astronomical Union for confirmation of his discovery, he said. The new star was named "Honda New Star 1981," Honda added.

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A two-story villa near the American embassy in Jeddah. The first story has a sitting room, dining room, living room, kitchen, bathroom and a store. The second story has a master bedroom with attached changing room and bathroom, two bedrooms with bathroom, servant room with bathroom. The garden contains a swimming pool with changing room, laundry room, and a room for the guard or driver with bathroom. The house is fully furnished and centrally air conditioned and has a telephone. It is available for immediate occupation.

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New airport ready to operate Sunday

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, April 9 — The Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan visited the world's newest airport Thursday in preparation for the official opening by King Khaled Sunday. He was accompanied by Prince Khaled Al-Faisal, governor of Asir, the Chief of Royal Protocol Ahmad Abdul Wahab and many other senior aides.

Work on the airport began in 1974 and the first phase was completed in 1980. It cost a total of SR15 billion and has some of the latest airport technology and systems in the world.

More than 40 airlines will be using its facilities through two vast passenger terminal buildings. A separate terminal is provided for the King and a fourth for the pilgrims which can handle two million a year.

The airport was designed and built to handle 10 million passengers a year which is the number projected by the year 2000. It will be served by two modern highways from

Jeddah plus a bus service to be provided by SAPTCO, the public transport company.

Already, referred to as KAIA, for King Khaled Aziz International Airport, it is the center of a new township complete with its own infrastructure, a telephone system, security force, water supply, waste water treatment and disposal, housing facilities, medical services, utility plants and a nursery. Covering an area of 105 square kilometers the new airport is one of three large ones being built by the International Airports Projects, a department of the defense ministry, under Brigadier General Said Yousef Amin. A second new airport, scheduled to open in 1983 is being built in Riyadh. A third, still in the planning stages, will serve the Eastern Province and will be located near Dammam and Dhahran on the Gulf.

Airport officials said that during the construction period there were nearly 11,000 workers from 35 countries representing a wide variety of skills and specialties.



INSPECTION: Defense Minister Prince Sultan inspected the new international airport outside Jeddah Thursday to check the preparations for the official opening by King Khaled Sunday. He said the airport, which will handle ten million travellers a year, has been equipped with the latest technology and facilities. It cost SR15 billion and took five years to build. Photo shows the prince and senior aides touring the area.

Nazer meets U.S. leaders

By Fouzi Asmar and Bob Lebling
 Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, April 9 — Saudi Arabia's planning minister, Hisham Nazer, was welcomed to Washington Wednesday by diplomats, U.S. officials and members of Congress at a luncheon hosted by the Saudi Arabian embassy.

Nazer, who arrived on a brief private visit to address a conference at Georgetown University, was introduced to 50 guests at the luncheon by embassy Charge d'Affaires Ahmad Moutamina. Saudi Arabian Ambassador Faisal Alhagelan was back in the King-

dom in connection with the visit to Riyadh by Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

Among the guests were Arab League Ambassador Dr. Clovis Maksoud, Organization of American States Secretary General Alejandro Orfila, Senate Energy Committee Chairman James McClure, and other prominent figures.

On Thursday, Nazer was slated to be keynote speaker at a conference on Arab resources. The conference is organized by Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Arab Studies. The planning minister is scheduled to return to the Kingdom after attending the two day conference.

Taif mental hospital to be expanded

JEDDAH, April 9 — The health Ministry will add another 500 beds to the mental hospital in Taif to bring the total number to 1000 and will provide new buildings and facilities, according to Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al Jazairi.

This will be in addition to other mental hospitals in Medina, Hofuf, Riyadh, Buraidah and the Southern Region, he said.

In an interview with *Al Riyadh* Thursday, the minister said that a special committee under Mekkah Governor Prince Majed is looking into the expansion scheme of the Taif institution.

Other parts of the country will soon have their own mental hospitals as completely independent units and not merely wings attached to regular hospitals. Funds for them will be allocated in the next budget, he said.

The ministry has plans to build a new hospital at the site of the old Jeddah public hospital, Dr. Jazairi said. The hospital serves only emergencies now, but this will be transferred to the new public hospital as well in preparation for the reconstruction operation, he added.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, April 9 — An international camel race will be held here Thursday April 16 under the patronage of King Khaled. It will include a race for Sudanese camels in the morning, and another for Arabian Peninsula camels in the afternoon. Each race will be 19 kilometers in three laps. Prizes will be awarded to the first 200 winners. The first prize will be SR35000 plus a water tank truck.

JEDDAH, April 9 — The Director General of Water and Drainage Yahya Koshak has retired at his request, it was announced Thursday. Abdullah Al Tazan, an engineer, has been asked to do the job for the time being.

JOUF, April 9 — The Saudi Credit Bank has given a total of SR24 million as loans

which included 1700 to those wishing to get married. They were given nearly SR10 million, 883 for house repairs amounting to SR14 million and 11 to technical school graduates wishing to set up shops, it was announced here Thursday.

RIYADH, April 9 — Twenty four video tape shops were closed down here by order of the Information Ministry because of their violation of the rules, it was announced here Thursday. Ministry inspectors make regular checks on such shops and close down those which rent immoral or suggestive films.

JEDDAH, April 9 (SPA) — The Islamic Development Bank signed here a U.S. \$45 million loan agreement with Turkey to finance its oil imports, an official spokesman of IBD said Wednesday.

COMMENT

By Saleh Muhammad Jamal
 Al Medina

What is the idea behind the preservation of monuments? Is it just to look at them as previous objects with fine architecture or to enrich our knowledge with the artistic and historical inspirations of those relics?

In our view, both ideas are taken into consideration, though the second one is more significant. The Holy Quran has also urged the believers to look into the relics of earlier nations, to know about them and to seek lessons from their affairs.

We are surprised to notice the concern of our archeology department for the relics of the ancient tribes of Saleh and Thamud. Our astonishment further increases when we see the department's indifference toward the relics associated with the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). The cave of Hira where he received the divine revelation and the cave of Thaur which gave the idea of emigration as the first step to emancipation from the dictates of paganism, are some of the places that suffer from this indifference. There are also other places of revelation fal-

ling into oblivion as a result of indifference being shown on the pretext that some ignorant and common people go there to worship and seek blessings.

But what the common people do should not make us wipe out the Islamic relics which give us many lessons and acquaint us with the high and noble conduct of the stalwarts of Islam. I think we can easily preserve all those things which refer to the glory of Islam and the history of Muslim heroes of the past. These would remind us bow a handful of Muslims in the early days of Islam spread the faith and consolidated it in most parts of the world.

We can preserve them and care, at the same time, educate ignorant Muslims that these relics neither benefit nor harm, but only remind them of their past. They ought to be made to realize that remembrance always pays the believers.

We hope the department of archeology would pay attention to these relics which, in our opinion, are far worthier than the monuments of Aed, Thamud, the Pharaohs and similar races.

Islamic banking praised; good results reported

DAMMAM, April 9 (SPA) — The system governing Islamic banking is old and traditional, but the application is modern, Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal said Wednesday. He lectured at King Faisal University here. Prince Muhammad is the President of the Federation of International Islamic Banks.

Islamic banks are using modern methods in implementing the Sharia (Koranic Law), the prince said. The banks are based on the prin-

ciple of equity participation and partnership. Each bank is controlled by a Sharia board which gives legal counsel on transactions, he added.

There are so far 11 Islamic banks throughout the world and others are on their way, as Islamic banks were found so advantageous that they now compete with commercial banks, he said. The Islamic banks are based on moral principles and are making more profit than others by excluding usury and offering the best service to their customers.

Islamic banks take no interests on loans. They participate in the equity of several projects and share in the profit according to the same proportion of their participation, or share the loss with the investors. The lecture was attended by Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilawi, and other notables in the area.

Earlier Wednesday, the SR5 million lectures hall was dedicated by Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jilawi. The hall, which belongs to Dammam's King Faisal University, accommodates more than 200 persons. The governor also dedicated two smaller lectures halls and two conference rooms.

In a separate educational development, the University of Petroleum and Minerals of Dhahran signed Wednesday a cooperation agreement with the National French Institute for Applied Sciences in Lyon. The move is part of the university's program to cement scientific and academic ties with leading universities of the world.

Experts devise media plan

JEDDAH, April 9 (SPA) — The Experts Committee appointed by the Third Islamic Summit to devise an "Islamic information plan" concluded its two-day deliberations here. The committee called for support of Islamic information activities and promoting ways and means for countering anti-Islamic campaigns world-wide.

The committee's recommendations included several suggestions to be presented for approval at the forthcoming Islamic foreign minister's conference in Baghdad later this month.

The committee's recommendations called for the coordination of a plan by the Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Conference in support of Muslim minorities' causes.

The Experts Committee also recommended developing Islamic information activities and working out plans to counter anti-Islamic campaign. It called for encouraging Islamic media to give utmost attention to Islamic causes and Muslim affairs all over the world.

The OIC Secretariat General will submit these recommendations to OIC member countries, before presenting them at the 12th Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference of Baghdad.

Saud visits Bangladesh

DACCA, April 9 (AP) — Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal will arrive in Daeca Saturday for a two-day visit.

The prince will meet his Bangladesh counterpart Shamsul Huq for talks on bilateral and international issues and call on President Ziaur Rahman.

Prayer Times						
Friday	Mekkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.41	4.40	4.11	3.57	4.21	4.49
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.22	12.23	11.54	11.41	12.05	12.35
Asr (Evening)	3.47	3.52	3.23	3.12	3.37	4.08
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.39	6.42	6.14	6.02	6.26	6.57
Isha (Night)	8.09	8.12	7.44	7.32	7.56	8.27



CHARITY DANCE: Children perform a song in Mekkah earlier this week at a ceremony marking the opening of a welfare society. Mekkah Governor Prince Majed attended the opening ceremony.

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In Lebanon

Ceasefire holding despite shelling

SAADNAYEL, Lebanon, April 9 (Agencies) — A ceasefire, declared after eight days of fighting, was shaken Thursday in several parts of Lebanon. But for the most part, the ceasefire appeared to be holding.

The Red Cross used the breather to evacuate 28 seriously-wounded persons from Zahle, the town which bore the brunt of most of the fighting.

But artillery fire could be heard early Thursday in Saadnayel, a village in the Bekaa Valley close to Zahle, 50 kms east of Beirut. As a convoy of 11 Red Cross cars with large white and red flags left the nearby market town of Shtoura, carrying medicines and supplies to Zahle, several artillery shots rang out across the vineyards surrounding Saadnayel.

By 9 a.m., all was quiet. Reports by the rightwing Phalangist party radio that Syrian troops had fired rockets Thursday could not immediately be confirmed although Zahle residents said by telephone they could hear distant explosions.

In Beirut, small-arm and mortar fire was also reported and Beirut radio said two Israeli jets broke the sound barrier over the capital.

But for the most part, the ceasefire proclaimed by President Elias Sarkis Wednesday following intense artillery and rocket exchanges in Beirut, appeared to be sticking.

Observers attributed the ceasefire to Arab and other international pressure on the Phalangists and the Syrians to allow a cooling-off period in which negotiations could proceed.

At least 150 persons were killed and 600 wounded this month as Syrian peacekeeping troops and Christian militiamen pounded each other with artillery, rockets and mortars.

Government sources said Thursday 200 persons had died in Zahle during the past week of fierce battle. More than 50 were also

reported killed in Beirut.

Troops and tanks from the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) were still ringing Zahle and journalists trying to accompany the Red Cross convoy into the town were turned back.

Meanwhile, Lebanon's Defense Minister Joseph Skaf denied a rightist claim that Syrian forces shelled Zahle anew Thursday. "This is not true, everything is quiet in Zahle," Skaf, a Zahle native and parliament member, told AP minutes after the radio station made the new bombardment claim.

An AP correspondent, watching developments in and around Zahle from a vantage point, said by telephone there were no ceasefire violations, but the Syrians were seen consolidating their positions around the city.

Lebanon's state radio said there was a brief exchange of machine gun fire between the Syrians and the rightist militias on a hill overlooking Zahle but that the flare-up did not affect Red Cross operations in the city.

The broadcast said a small Lebanese internal security force, a firefighting squad and a bulldozer were allowed by the Syrians to move into the battered city with the International Red Cross convoy for relief operations.

The state radio said the ceasefire was holding in both Zahle and Beirut 24 hours after it went into effect at 1200GMT Wednesday.

The radio quoted sources in the Syrian peacekeeping force as saying the internal security troops would take control Friday of a short strip of the Beirut to Baalbek highway passing Zahle. This appeared to be a token concession to the town's rightist defenders.

Zahle's police chief, Lt. Col. Rafiq Feghail, said in a telephone interview that Lebanese internal security forces were preparing to supply essential public services to the citizens, who have been without water and electricity. Medical teams would enter the town Friday, he added.

Court summons Bani-Sadr

TEHRAN, April 9 (R) — Iran's prosecutor-general has said that President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr had been summoned to appear in court in connection with violence at a rally at Tehran University a month ago. Ayatollah Musavi Ardebili, speaking on state radio and television Wednesday, said: "When I heard that a judge had sent a warrant summoning the president to court, I congratulated him because this was a judge who in the execution of the law did not consider anything but justice and righteousness." The prosecutor's reference was the first public statement that the president had been summoned for his part in the university violence.

In another part of his address, Ardebili said there were at present 155 prisons in Iran, holding about 20,000 detainees of all categories.

To nonaligned panel

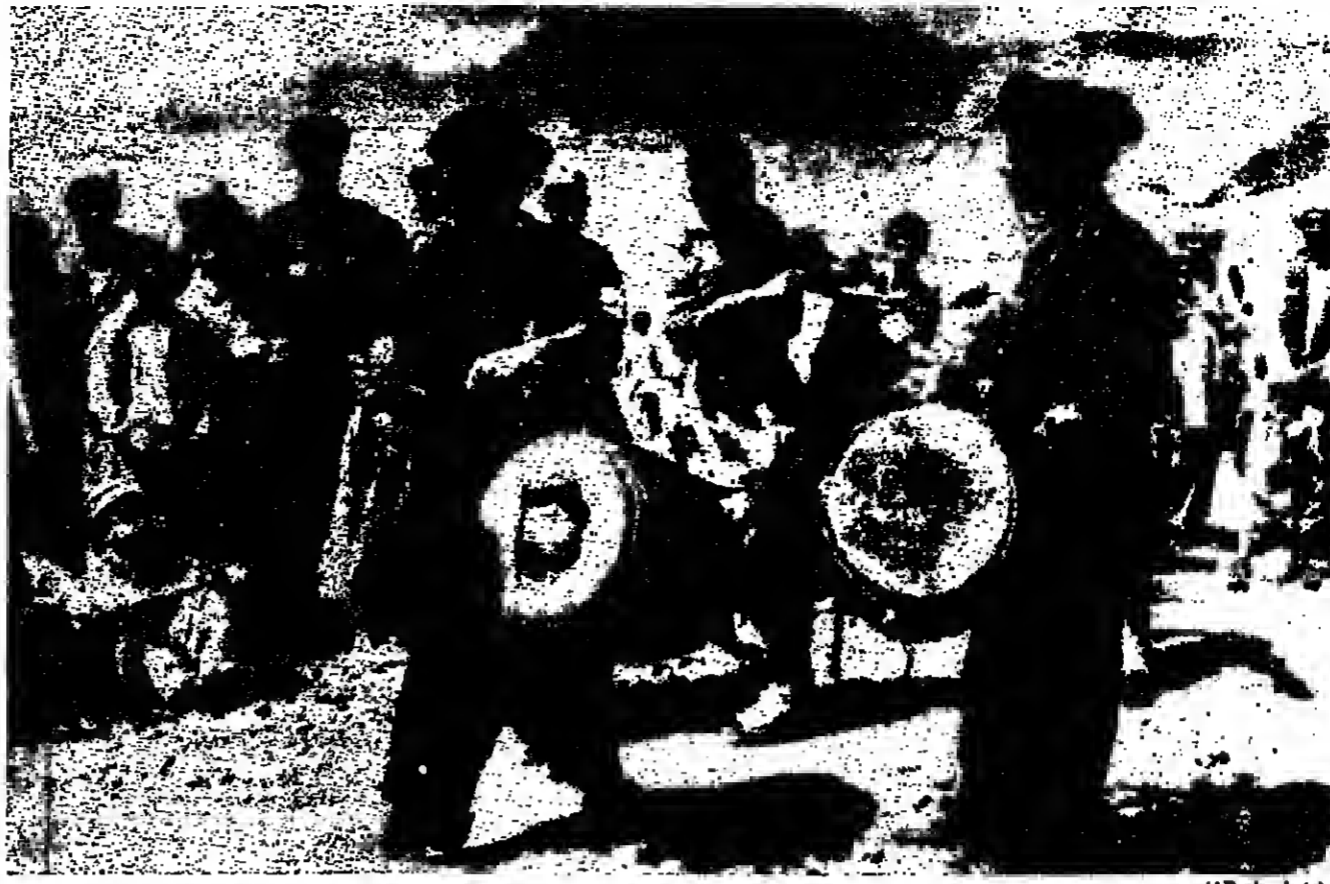
Grant rights before pullout, says Iraq

BEIRUT, April 9 (R) — Iraq has told a nonaligned peace mission it is willing to discuss a Gulf war settlement; but that it will not withdraw troops from occupied territory until its rights are recognized.

"Forces would not withdraw unless Iraq's rights are recognized and Iran abandons its hostile policy and expansionist ambitions," INA quoted him as saying.

The official Iraqi News Agency (INA) said Deputy Premier Tareq Aziz told the mission, which arrived in Baghdad Wednesday that Iraq was ready to cooperate on a just settlement of the six-month-old war. But Iraqi

Iran's conditions for a ceasefire in the war include a withdrawal of troops from Iranian territory. The four-man mission, set up by a nonaligned conference of foreign ministers February, will spend two days in Baghdad and visit Tehran Saturday and Sunday.



REFUGEE WEDDING: A wedding of two Afghan refugees was celebrated recently at a camp near Kohat, north west Pakistan, by a men-only reception in which camp residents performed folk dances. In keeping with tribal traditions, all women, including the bride, held their celebration separately. Over 200,000 Afghans have sought refuge in Pakistan.

Toward Israel

Palestinians rule out policy change

By Patrick Worsnip

BEIRUT, April 9 (R) — Palestinian leaders open an important policy-making conference in Damascus Saturday. European leaders have urged the Palestinians at the meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC) or parliament-in-exile to amend their charter, which calls for the dismantling of Israel. But a senior official in the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) made clear in an interview published here that there was no question of the Palestinians changing their stand and recognizing Israel.

"We can never allow any party to interfere in our affairs, especially in two major matters: our non-recognition of Israel and our refusal to amend our national charter in any way," Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO political department, said. "I hope I am making myself clear to everyone everywhere, especially to the European countries," he told the English-language weekly *Monday Morning*.

"We have said over and over again that we refuse to recognize Israel. This is an unchangeable, permanent policy," Kaddoumi added. The PNC session follows a lean period for the PLO. The previous session, in January 1979, came only two months before

the signing of the United States-sponsored Camp David peace accords between Israel and Egypt.

Israel, under the coalition government of Menahem Begin, has pressed ahead with implanting Jewish settlements on the occupied West Bank and has mounted preemptive strikes against Palestinian targets in south Lebanon. The new U.S. administration of Ronald Reagan has already declared its intention of pursuing the Camp David process.

Although Jordan has so far refused to be drawn into the process the just-concluded trip by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig to the Middle East has been viewed with suspicion by Palestinian leaders.

The outcome of Israel's forthcoming general election June 30, which at one time looked like a foregone conclusion for the opposition Labor party, now appears less certain. The PLO is also keeping one eye cocked on the still vague Middle East initiative of the European Common Market (EEC) and a potential meeting between PLO leader Yasser Arafat and British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington after Britain assumes the presidency of the EEC July 1.

But public statements by Palestinian leaders on the European initiative have ranged from scepticism to outright rejection. Faced with these uncertainties, Palestinian sources in Damascus said the 301-seat PNC would attempt to draw up guidelines for a fresh political and military strategy for the PLO over the next four years.

The sources said special efforts would be made to foster Palestinian unity, particularly in military and financial affairs, and to counter "imperialist plans to liquidate the Palestinian cause," notably the Camp David process.

One topical problem bound to come up is the current fighting in Lebanon. Palestinian officials have linked this with Haig's Middle East tour and detected evidence of a U.S. conspiracy against the PLO.

The council may also discuss a proposal for one-year conscription for all Palestinians in Arab countries between the ages of 18 and 40. But it remains to be seen whether all Arab countries would give their blessing to such a move. Syrian President Hafex Assad will open the PNC session, which will hear political and financial reports before splitting into committees to draft reports and resolutions.

Turkey border fortified to stop smuggling

ANKARA, April 9 (R) — Turkey has established a 10-kms security belt along its borders with Syria, Iraq and Iran to combat cattle smuggling, according to a government decree published Wednesday. Entry and exit of livestock, meat and consignment of animal fats and margarine within the belt will be restricted and subject to permission by local authorities.

Two-way smuggling is rife along the 1,600 kms border, which mostly runs through remote mountainous terrain and is hard to patrol. One of the most lucrative commodities being smuggled south is livestock, and locals often risk minefields to drive herds across the frontier at night.

Commando grenade attack kills Israelis

DAMASCUS, April 9 (R) — Palestinian commandos said they carried out a hand grenade attack on a group of Jewish settlers in Jerusalem, killing or wounding several Israelis.

The Palestine News Agency Wafa quoted a commando spokesman as saying the commandos managed to leave the site after the operation "in accordance with plan." Wednesday night.

The spokesman said the Israeli authorities arrested a number of Palestinians on suspicion. Police sources in Jerusalem had said one man was killed and two others injured when a hand grenade was thrown into a hall in the city where a Jewish wedding was taking place.

The dead man, who was not identified, was a resident of east Jerusalem. One of the children was hospitalized with light wounds and the other was treated and released. About 200 persons were celebrating a wedding inside the Jewish-owned hall at the time of the attack.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (R) — Iraq and the Soviet Union exchanged congratulations Wednesday on the ninth anniversary of their 15-year treaty of friendship and cooperation, both stressing their readiness for closer ties.

RABAT, (R) — Ten Muslim agitators were sentenced to prison terms ranging from one to 20 years by a court in Fez, central Morocco, Monday, the Moroccan News Agency MAP reported Wednesday. They were among 30 persons brought to trial after incidents in Fez last June.

ABU DHABI, (WAM) Jordanian minister Amer Khammash arrived here Wednesday from Muscat on a brief visit to the UAE as part of tour of a number of countries in the region. Khammash said he was carrying a message from King Hussein to UAE president.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — Kurdish fighters killed six persons in two attacks Wednesday night on an army base in the Iranian Kurdistan city of Mahabad, the newspaper *Kayhan* reported Thursday.

U.S. denies Soviet army boost in Kabul

WASHINGTON, April 9 (AFP) — The United States Defense Department has denied that the Soviet Union had reinforced its troops in Afghanistan.

Reports from Western diplomatic sources in New Delhi and Islamabad are "totally false and cannot be substantiated," a spokesman for the Pentagon said Wednesday. The reports from several independent, including diplomatic sources, said that some 20,000 to 22,000 fresh Soviet troops had arrived in Afghanistan in the past few weeks. The 15,000 troops, who returned home, had simply been replaced, sources added. According to the Pentagon spokesman, the number of Soviet troops in Afghanistan remain unchanged. U.S. experts estimate there are some 85,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan.

Demirel, Ecevit told to keep off politics

ANKARA, April 9 (R) — Turkish government authorities have issued warnings to the country's two top political leaders not to meddle in politics, informed sources said.

Former Prime Ministers Suleyman Demirel and Bulent Ecevit were called to government headquarters and given the warning. The sources said the authorities, who suspended all political activities, were anxious to prevent any encroachment on the restrictions. Ecevit and Demirel were both given written instructions about what they could and should not do after being released from a term of custody.

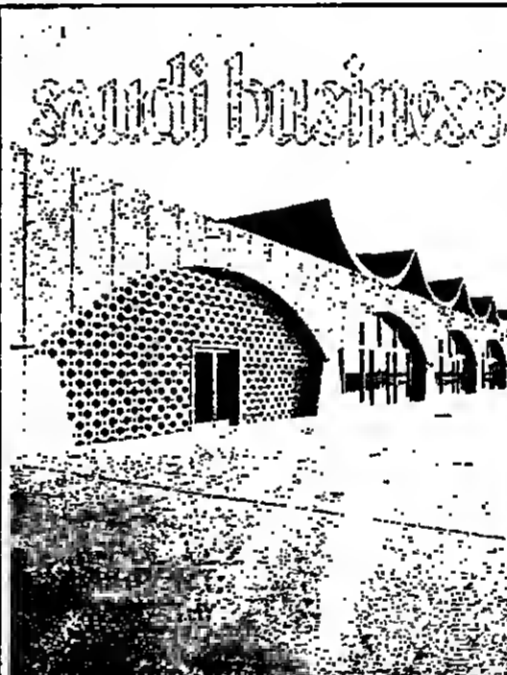
Ecevit resigned from his chairmanship of the Republican People's Party but Demirel has remained chairman of the Justice Party. Demirel has refrained from public statements and declines to speak to journalists on the record. Ecevit, since resigning as party leader, has written regularly in papers and given interviews to foreign papers.

Soviet ship enters Bosphorus Straits


ISTANBUL, April 9 (AP) — A Soviet guided-missile cruiser entered the Bosphorus Straits early Thursday en route to the Mediterranean Sea, Istanbul port sources reported.

The 9,500-ton "Kara" class cruiser steamed through the 21-mile water channel and headed to the Dardanelles Straits that opens into the Aegean Sea. Sources said the Soviet warship was attached to the sizable Black Sea fleet based in Odessa, where the Soviets also have a large naval shipyard.


The Black Sea fleet's only outlet is through the Turkish Straits.




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Latin Americans isolating Fidel Castro

Colombia accuses Cuba of training guerrillas

BUENOS AIRES, April 9 (R) — Colombia's decision last month to suspend relations with Cuba, accusing it of training anti-government Colombian guerrillas, could herald a new period of regional isolation for the Fidel Castro government. The break came as the Communist state's relations with several other countries in the hemisphere were growing increasingly cool.

Two decades ago Latin American nations, with the exception of Mexico, severed ties with Cuba and expelled it from the organization of American States (OAS), accusing it of trying to export its revolution. During the past seven years, however, Havana managed to come in from the cold as an increasing number of countries in the region restored full diplomatic and trade relations.

They included Argentina, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Jamaica and Ecuador. Chile, under Socialist President Salvador Allende, recognized Cuba in 1970. But Chile broke relations with Cuba three years later when the military took power in a coup in which Allende died.

Political sources believe the countries in the area had demanded that Cuba stop aiding local guerrilla groups as a condition for normalizing relations. President Castro, the sources said, agreed to the condition, but reserved the right to help guerrilla groups in nations ruled by hard-line military governments where peaceful transition toward

justice was deemed impossible.

Consequently, several conservative, middle of the road, and left-leaning governments exchanged ambassadors with Cuba. At the same time, a number of member nations began to push for Cuba's return to the OAS fold, although Castro dismisses the regional organization as the "Washington ministry of colonies."

Some political commentators attribute Latin America's new coolness toward Cuba to President Ronald Reagan's hard-line stance on communism and U.S. charges that the island is sending arms to liberation forces in El Salvador. Under President Jimmy Carter, they argue, there was a more relaxed attitude toward Cuba — the two countries opened liaison offices in each other's countries — and this was reflected in the area as a whole.

Economic and political pressures have led an increasing number of disgruntled Cubans to seek asylum in Latin American embassies in Havana in the hope of being allowed to leave the country.

The problem boiled over a year ago when 10,000 Cubans invaded the grounds of the Peruvian Embassy seeking asylum. President Castro eventually allowed a mass evacuation of Cubans to the United States.

The incident led both Cuba and Peru to recall their ambassadors from each other's capitals.

The Venezuelan Embassy in Havana also houses several would-be exiles and the two countries are involved in a row over their fate. Cuba's relations with Venezuela were further strained last year when a Venezuelan military tribunal dismissed charges that a Cuban exile and three Venezuelans had planted a bomb on a Cuban airliner in 1976, killing all 73 people aboard.

Then last month, more would-be exiles invaded the grounds of the Equadorean Embassy in Havana before being dislodged by Cuban troops. The Equadorean government accused Cuba of entering the embassy without authorization, thus violating the building's diplomatic immunity.

The Cuban government eventually apologized and sent Deputy Foreign Minister Ricardo Alarcón to Quito in a successful

attempt to prevent a break in relations. But the incident led to an unexpected cooling of relations with Portugal in the process.

Cuba accused the Portuguese charge d'affaires in Havana of being an agent of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and charged that he had helped engineer the Equadorean Embassy takeover. Portugal lodged a strong protest against the charge and declared the Cuban ambassador unwelcome in Lisbon after Cuba rejected the Portuguese protest.

But Colombia's charges that Cuba was training Colombian leftist guerrillas could constitute the most important single factor contributing to Cuba's isolation. The Colombian allegations against Cuba increased concern in Peru, which borders Colombia and has been beset by small-scale extremist violence.

Peruvian Foreign Ministry officials said the government of President Belandier Terry was threatening the Colombian allegations with reserve, but added that relations with Cuba would be affected if they were proved true. Argentina maintains relations with Cuba, restored in 1973 when Gen. Juan Domingo Peron returned to power, but other South American nations such as Brazil, Bolivia, Chile and Paraguay con-

tinued to consider the Castro government an instrument of Soviet Communist penetration in Latin America.

Cuba has also lost ground in Central America although it has maintained an unconditional and powerful friend in Mexico. U.S. allegations of Cuban interference in the area have found receptive ears even in countries such as Panama and Costa Rica, which maintain diplomatic ties with Havana.

In Panama, which enjoys particularly close relations with Havana, right-wing politicians are also pressing for a break and the daily newspaper *La Estrella* called Colombia's decision to break relations with Cuba "logical and correct." According to diplomatic observers in Havana, Cuba has its own "domino theory" to explain its current diplomatic isolation.

When, in the early sixties the United States was bent on destroying the Cuban revolution, the theory goes, Latin American "dominoes" — with the exception of Mexico — sent toppling toward a break in relations with Havana.

In the early seventies, U.S. policy became more moderate and the dominoes began to right themselves. Now with the Reagan administration the dominoes are once again leaning toward confrontation with Cuba, according to the Havana theory.

Troops, police guard Irish polling stations

ENNISKILLEN, Northern Ireland, April 9 (AP) — More than 1,000 British troops and armed police officers guarded polling stations in the touchy border zone of Fermanagh and South Tyrone Thursday as voting started in a

U.K. census officials brave vicious animals

LONDON, April 9 (AP) — Neither watchdog geese, a vicious goat nor the highest peak in Scotland could keep Britain's census takers from their appointed rounds over the weekend.

Thousands of census takers roamed the cities, villages and farms of Britain Sunday in an attempt to count every person in the country. The census is taken every 10 years.

Now, the census takers are telling their tales of bravery in the line of duty: In South Wales, one counter, already on the run from a bull faulted over a gate and met a highly aggressive goat. "She managed to escape both animals with nothing more serious than a bit of fright," said a census official in London.

In the counties of Lincolnshire, Kent and Hampshire, census takers had to fend off geese. Country folk in the area use geese as watchdogs, and they can be pretty frightening as they come running toward you screaming and honking," he said.

bizarre parliamentary election.

The 72,000 voters of the rural district have to choose between convicted Irish Republican Army gunman Bobby Sands, a Roman Catholic on hunger strike "to the death" in Northern Ireland's Maze prison, and Harry West, a tough-talking Protestant hardliner who was the district's member of Parliament briefly in 1974.

The two candidates symbolize the sectarian divide in Northern Ireland, torn by political and communal violence for more than 11½ years. Election officials at several of the 41 polling stations in the district reported "a brisk start" to voting. Police ringed polling booths as British troops patrolled nearby.

The election began against a backdrop of violence following the slaying Tuesday of a 26-year-old woman census official in Londonderry.

The Provisional IRA and the splinter Irish National Liberation Army (INLA) denied responsibility. But police reported forensic tests showed the gun used to kill the woman had been used in earlier IRA shootings.

The wave of revulsion at the killing of the woman, Joanna Mathers, mother of a two-year-old boy, that has swept this violence-hardened province was expected to cost Sands votes among Catholics. Sands' hunger strike is to pressure the British government to treat jailed guerrillas as political prisoners.

The 27-year-old Sands has lost more than 16 kgs since he began the hunger strike March 1.



REPRISAL KILLING: Raffaele Cinotti, 28, who worked at Rome's Rebibbia prison lies dead in front of his house after he was shot and killed Tuesday by three Red Brigades as a reprisal for the capture of one of their top leaders, Mario Moretti, Saturday.

Takeover suggested

India panel bid angers press

NEW DELHI, April 9 (AP) — A study by a government-run institute recommended the takeover of India's top eight privately-owned national newspapers drew angry reaction Thursday from a leading editor.

"I think that they are talking through their hat," S. Nihal Singh, Editor in Chief of the *Indian Express* newspaper chain, told a reporter here. "Either you have a free press or a government press and for anybody to suggest this (takeover) is to misunderstand the role of a press in a democracy."

Excerpts of the report by the Indian Institute of Public Administration were published in some of the papers whose nationalization it recommended.

Indian move on rivers suicidal, Dacca says

DACCA, April 9 (AP) — A Bangladesh Foreign Ministry spokesman has said that the Indian proposal of diverting the waters of the Brahmaputra River to the Ganges to augment the water resources of the region was "a suicidal project for Bangladesh."

Commenting on Indian Agriculture Minister Rao Birendra Singh's remarks on the recently concluded ministerial level talks between the two countries in Dacca in which he said the talks failed due to the non-cooperation by Bangladesh, the spokesman said "We cannot follow a suicidal policy in the name of cooperation."

Authors Chalapati Rao and S.K. Goyal said in their report that newspapers have sometimes succeeded in "influencing governments to deviate from declared public policies." However, nationalization of the newspapers would not lead to government monopoly over the press, they said.

The current structure of newspaper management could be reconstituted to ensure the establishment's "operational independence," but "minimum guarantees" of publishing could be given to people and organizations holding opposing views to those of the government. It said.

The study was authorized by the Press Commission, a government-appointed watchdog panel, primarily to review complaints against officials and attempts to dominate or harass the media.

However, a spokesman for the commission disowned any responsibility for the report, saying it "reflected the views only of the authors." He added that the study was ordered by a previous press commission under the 1977-79 regime of former prime minister Morarji Desai.

"The commission members have seen the report and are considering it," spokesman G.S. Raghavan said. "Their discussions are confidential and I can't go beyond that." However, he added that the Rao-Goyal study may find a place in the commission's annual report to the government which is to be published at the end of the year.

Greeks protest American bases

ATHENS, April 9 (R) — More than 10,000 left-wing marchers converged on the Parliament building here Wednesday night protesting Greek membership of NATO and nuclear weapons. Police spokesman said the march was organized by the Piraeus Peace Committee.

The demonstrators shouted slogans against the United States, NATO, American military bases in Greece and against storage of nuclear weapons in the country.

Greece and the United States are presently engaged in talks regarding the future status and operation of American bases in the country. Greece has said it will allow the operation of the four major U.S. bases, two in Attica and two on Crete, only if they serve NATO purposes and Greece's defense needs. It also wants them to be under the Greek command.

The two major opposition parties — the Panhellenic Socialist Movement and the Greek Communist Movement — want the bases closed down and Greece out of NATO.

Prem's aide seeks pardon for coup men

BANGKOK, April 9 (AP) — Deputy Prime Minister Pramarn Adireksarn said Thursday he will propose amnesty for those involved in the abortive coup last week against Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda.

Pramarn told reporters that he believed the coup leaders should be pardoned because most of them had served the country well in the past. He said that his party in parliament — the Thai Nation Party would propose a bill when the assembly convenes next month seeking amnesty for the coup leaders and others involved.

Meanwhile, a ban on visitors and news materials has been imposed on the 53 military men, police and civilian detained for questioning about the coup, a government spokesman said.

U.K. author dies


LONDON, April 9 (AFP) — Lord Russell of Liverpool, lawyer, soldier and author of the anti-Nazi book *The Scourge of the Swastika* has died, two days before his 86th birthday. It was announced here Thursday.

Lord Russell, a widower who had been married four times, suffered a stroke two years ago and had since lived at a nursing home in Hastings. Three weeks ago, he was admitted to St. Helen's Hospital, where he died.

Edward Frederick Langley Russell was a supporter of many celebrated causes where he felt that injustice had been done. The high point in his official career came when he was assistant judge advocate general in 1954 and legal adviser to the commander in chief in respect of the trial of German war criminals in the British zone in Germany.

Spain king to visit Italy

MADRID, April 9 (AFP) — King Juan Carlos of Spain and Queen Sofia will make an official visit to Italy on April 28-30, the Foreign Ministry announced here Thursday. The visit, at the invitation of President Sandro Pertini, is the first trip outside the country by the Spanish monarch since the abortive coup on Feb. 23.



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Islam is a monotheistic religion. According to the Islamic teaching, God, or to use the Islamic name, Allah has no partners, associates or offspring. Everything in the universe is His creation.

The term "create" has a distinctive meaning when it refers to Allah. It implies much more than the creation of beauty by a poet or the creation of certain rights by the enactment of a new law. It implies bringing into existence things that previously had no substance or form. Thus, the universe simply did not exist before Allah created it.

Hence, everything that we see or perceive is Allah's creation. When we look with amazement at all the varied creatures, animate and inanimate, that share our small world we should remember that such elaborate gradation and perfect order could not have resulted out of a blind power or come out of a coincidence or a set of coincidences. They are indeed the work of a creator Who is both powerful and wise. He caused the cycle to exist and He operates it as long as He wills.

According to Islam, Allah did not only create "beings" which inhabit the universe. He also created the natural phenomena that permeate the universe and leave their vari-

ous effects on it. The various climatic conditions, for example, are Allah's creation. They do not operate in a vacuum or haphazardly. They are, from the Islamic viewpoint, controlled by Allah Who operates them for His purposes.

We read in the Qur'an: "To Allah belong the hosts of heaven and earth." (48:7) This suggests that He can make use of this creation to accomplish any purpose He has. The divine will can therefore be done through any means the Supreme Lord chooses.

We perhaps need to stress here that Allah's power of creation has no limiting factor of time or space. He did not create the universe and establish its system and then left it alone. He neither loses control over it nor does He allow it to break away. He indeed retains control over everything in the universe. For everything is His creation and conforms to His laws.

Creation, when applied to Allah, signifies initiation and origination. Allah does not need to have any "raw material" from which He makes what He wants to make. He simply causes anything to exist by His will.

When He decrees a thing He need only

Islam in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches

In the Name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Blessed be He in whose hands is Dominion, and He over all things has power.

He who created death and life, that He may try which of you is best in deed; and He is Exalted in might, oft-forgiving.

He who created the seven heavens one above another: no want of proportion will you see in the creation of Allah, the Most Gracious. So turn your vision again: Do you see any flaw?

Again turn your vision a second time: Your vision will come back to you dull and discomfited, in a state worn out.

say: "Be", and it is." (The Qur'an 36:82).

When we understand the Islamic concept of creation and come to see that all "powers of nature" are part of Allah's creation we will be in a better position to understand why Muslims reject the idea of a conflict

existing between man and nature. To the Muslim mind, all natural phenomena are friendly, not hostile. They operate to accomplish Allah's will and thus they cannot be in conflict with man, Allah's vicegerent on earth.

The Childhood of the Prophet

The religion of Islam was taught to humanity by Muhammad, the Prophet, who delivered it as a message from Allah. Acceptance of this fact is essential for anyone who wishes to be a Muslim. Indeed the cardinal article of the Islamic faith requires a declaration of the unity of Allah and that Muhammad is His messenger.

It is needless to say that the Prophet occupies a central position in Islam. Throughout the ages Muslims revered him and accepted his teachings as part of the divine message to humanity. He himself had no divine nature. No one, throughout the history of Islam, has ever worshipped him. To us, he was simply a man entrusted by Allah to deliver His final message to mankind. He taught, by word and example, how to conduct the life of the individual and the society in line with the divine teachings. It is, therefore, very important for whoever wants to learn about Islam, to study the life of Muhammad as an example of the perfect Islamic life. For this we shall provide glimpses of his life in this column.

Muhammad was born in Makkah in the year 571. His father died a few months before his birth. Arabia was at the time a tribal society. Although Makkah was the

capital city in the peninsula, tribalism was to be seen there as much as it was apparent in the desert areas where nomadic tribes were constantly on the move.

Muhammad's family retained leadership in Makkah for many generations. As Makkah was inhabited by Quraysh the most powerful and influential tribe in the whole of Arabia, Muhammad's lineage was then highly esteemed. His grandfather, who survived his son, was the leader greatly respected by all Arabs.

According to the traditions of the Makkah society, Muhammad was given to a bedouin lady Halima, who acted as his wet-nurse. She reported visible signs of grace and blessings in her own surroundings ever since she was given charge of Muhammad. Hence she was reluctant to give him back to his mother when he was five years.

The young boy did not enjoy the love of his kind mother long; she died the following year, only to be followed two years later by his grandfather. Thus Muhammad, now 8 years old, was under the charge of his uncle Abu Taleb who was kind hearted, pious and with a large family.

(To be continued next Friday)
Adel Salahi

Northern Italy witnessing ethnic conflicts

By Helen Womack

VIENNA (R) — Anxiety and frustration mounting in the lush valleys of Tyrolean Italy, where both German and Italian-speaking communities feel their culture is under attack. A number of bombings there in recent months have made headlines in Austria and revived concern in Vienna over long-standing ethnic conflicts of the south of a mainly German-speaking province Italy which belonged to Austria before 1918.

The German-speaking community is angry at what it sees as Rome's failure to implement parts of an agreed "package" of measures on linguistic and political rights for its people. Last month, Austria took the unusual step of handing Rome a note urging the government to speed up the implementation of the package.

Some German-speaking politicians in the region have even called for the United Nations or International Court of Justice to intervene directly in the latest South Tyrol fight. But many Italians in the province, tired of becoming foreign in their own country, feel the package has already conceded too much to the German speakers, Austrian officials said.

So far, no one has been hurt in the bombings on war memorials, electricity pylons and mountain railways, but tension is rising in picturesque, Alpine region, a local journalist said. South Tyrol, or the province of South Tyrol, belonged to Austria for 600 years, but passed to the Italians

after World War I by the Treaty of St. Germain, which gave Italy the natural frontier of the Alps. However, the linguistic frontier is further south.

Even today, after Italian dictator Benito Mussolini encouraged thousands of Italians from the south to settle in the region during a drive to "Italianize" South Tyrol, about 60 per cent of the population speak German. Stories are still told about Mussolini's campaign in the late 1930s when German names were scraped from grave stones and priests went underground to teach their outlawed language.

Some German-speaking South Tyrolese emigrated to Germany during World War II, but most stayed on in their mountain homeland to see the Paris agreement of 1946, part of the peace treaty between the Allied Powers and Italy, guarantee autonomy for their province.

But in 1948, Rome enacted joint autonomy for Bolzano, along with mainly Italian-speaking Trento province to the south, thus putting ethnic Italians into the majority in the area as a whole and, as the German speakers say, undermining their culture again.

Austria took the case of the South Tyroleans to the United Nations in 1960, prompting two resolutions that Austria and Italy should find a solution to the area's problems by negotiations.

The result was a package of measures to increase Bolzano's own autonomy, guarantee parity between the German and Italian languages and give proportional access to public posts, agreed in 1969 by the foreign ministers of Austria and Italy, Kurt Waldheim and

Aldo Moro. Some German speakers still advocate independence for South Tyrol, arguing that the province's production of hydro-electric power and flourishing fruit-growing and tourist industries make it economically viable on its own.

But the majority of German-speaking South Tyroleans, as well as the Austrian government, believe the dispute with Rome will be settled when Italy fully implements the package. But, implementing the package is the problem.

The central government and local government over detail is holding up the establishment of regional administrative courts with German and Italian-speaking judges.

"Obviously, it is very important for the German speakers to be able to talk to the authorities in their own language," one Austrian official said. Other problems relating to finance for the region have still to be solved.

Proportional employment of ethnic Austrians and Italians in the public services also remains to be achieved, as Italian speakers continue to outnumber German speakers in official jobs.

Meanwhile, the Italian-speaking community is beginning to feel threatened, as the package is gradually implemented, the officials said. The Italian-speakers now have to learn German to hold posts in an officially bilingual province.

"Many came originally from the south and have little feeling for the language. They are afraid of becoming foreigners in their own country," he said.

the killings were first publicized, "it was just little boys. Now, it's the girls, too," who cry and scream. Edward Reid, a bright 11-year-old who once liked to play after school, now runs three blocks without stopping from his school bus to his grandparents' home each afternoon.

The embattled police force is plagued by discussion and is stung by public charges that it is inept. It still feels the criticism of the late 1970s, when Atlanta briefly had the nation's highest murder rate. Police still have not solved either the sensational "lover's lane" killings of three blacks or the much-publicized street slaying of Mac Tetaham, a white Ohio physician who was attending a convention here in June 1979.

To their credit, however, Atlanta's police seem to have a far better grip on the slaying than Chicago police did in the Gacy killings three years ago. There, most of the victims were at first treated as runaways and no threads linking the crimes were found until 28 bodies were discovered under and near Gacy's house.

However, complaints also come from former Atlanta police detectives such as W.K. Perry, who is conducting his own part-time investigation, and from the department's own patrol officers.

"We don't hear anything from the task force," said one policeman, who declined to be identified. "When we line up at roll call, we expect to hear some information so we know what to look for, but the don't get anything." "Why don't you ask for information?" a reporter asked.

The policeman shrugged. "If they don't give us anything," he said, "we're not going to ask for it." Some Atlantans have denounced what they call a "circus atmosphere" in attempts to raise funds for the victims' families and for the investigations.

Camille Bell, mother of Josef Bell, 9, who was found strangled in November 1979, said recently in a television interview that she "honestly believes" that the police will solve the cases if anyone can. "Many Atlantans are disturbed that — despite police warnings, patrols and a 7 p.m. curfew for youngsters under 15 — some children still talk to strangers and make unescorted visits at night to play electronic games at the downtown Omni hotel and shopping complex, where one recent victim was last seen before he was found dead on the city's northside.

"I arrested two kids for violating the curfew the other night," said one police officer, who patrols the Omni and asked not to be identified. "One of them said he lives with his aunt — and she's in the hospital." In fact, many of the victims were "streetwise" kids — the kind, police say, who think they can outwit any killer.

Willie Bush, a man who knew three of the victims, said, "it is a challenge. It's like 'he can't get me.'" Grace Davis, who leads a 50-member citizens patrol that picks up unaccompanied children, agrees. Some youngsters, she said, "say, 'I'll do this and I'll do that,' trying to be macho. But I say to them, 'be more macho and go home.'"

Around the town

By Muhammad Al-Qabani

With this issue Arab News begins a weekly feature - Around the town - As the name implies it will be a roundup of conversations and observations by one or more of our staff writers. They will be witty, critical, informative and of purely local interest.

The new traders

Conversation with a professor at Riyadh University, the director of a deputy minister's office, a man about to get a new job, and a fourth rate businessman.

The businessman is farming because of 150 cartons of toothpaste withheld by customs men on the borders between Saudi Arabia and Qatar, because the manufacturer is on the Arab Boycott of Israel list. The reason for his wrath is that the market in Riyadh is flooded with this brand of toothpaste, in every grocery, especially the small ones.

The doctor from Riyadh University asks the merchant: "Why did you import this stuff, despite your knowledge that the company is blacklisted?"

"I did not know. And anyway this is the responsibility of the Commerce Ministry or the Chamber of Commerce."

I wondered, myself, how could this happen despite the fact that the United Arab Emirates from which the commodity had been imported did implement the boycott. After conducting my own inquiry, I learned that there is a black market. So, most probably, the merchandise was bought from that market.

The businessman left, and the conversation turned toward commerce in Saudi Arabia. Said the young graduate of Riyadh University's Administrative Science Faculty, who is about to be appointed somewhere: "Unfortunately, Saudi Arabian merchants are not yet mature enough."

"My dear, most of trade here in Saudi Arabia is not in the hands of the Saudi Ara-

bian merchants," said the director of the undersecretary's office.

The professor held an invitation card to the French household exhibition in Riyadh. He asked: "Is the exhibition over?"

"All such exhibitions are organized by our Lebanese brothers. These people are intelligent, while we are dumb," said the new graduate.

Back to the merchants. I said "I guess most trade here, especially showroom and jewelry shops are not really owned by Saudi Arabians."

"It is true that the law makes it compulsory for the Saudi Arabian partner to own 51 per cent of the business, said the graduate, but what happens in fact is that some citizens are covering up for foreigners while, in fact, they own less than 10 per cent of the capital. So who is responsible for that?"

"Do you ask the state to do anything more than impose regulations and penalize regulations? The implementation of such regulations must rest on the citizens' understanding of their role toward their country. The state is not a seer. It can see only what is visible. That's all."

(Silence prevailed for a while in the office as Arabic coffee was served).

Pessimistic or realistic?

Three young men holding a dialogue at a cafe. One a journalist, the other a public relations officer at a corporation, and the third an undergraduate. The topic is higher education and improving one's lot (by saving some money, furnishing a house, buying a car, etc.). Said the undergraduate "I am determined to obtain a post-graduate degree. I have to get my doctor's degree!"

I am against this idea, the journalist, who is still a young reporter, said. Listen, brother. You still have five years before you improve your financial situation. You are about to graduate. Join SABIC (The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation). There you can learn English and work for a

good salary. In the evening, you could get a job with a company or a newspaper. If you cannot profit from these five years, you will not be able to do all this when you return from abroad.

(I was sitting in front of them, listening to their conversation, while my eyes were watching the daily television series "Smile Without Tears." I don't know what prompted them to discuss this issue in particular about the undergraduate. I myself could not debate it. But if the target of that student is to pull on with his studies just for people to call him "doctor" one day then I reject the very principle. We might need a worker more than four doctors, especially those graduating from theoretical colleges.)

Quantity Rather Than Quality

I was at Saudi Telephones a few weeks ago, for a reminder about my request to get a line in my home. Many people present that day, were complaining of bad treatment of the public by Saudi Telephones staff. I mean they don't talk gently to the public. A person standing near me, apparently a bedouin from his accent said, "It's been two months now since I applied for a telephone. The television says that there will be one million telephone lines in Saudi Arabia and that any malfunction will be fixed up in four hours, that telephones will be installed in less than 24 hours. I don't care. All I want is a telephone right now. Another one complained that his telephone has been dead for a month now.

The important thing is that there should be a good service. It is not the number of telephones that matters. A person could use even his neighbor's phone if it works. The present state of telephones needs more consideration. The lines get mixed up, which is not at all reassuring. A few telephones in a good condition is better than plenty of useless sets. It was my turn to meet the official concerned. I entered his office as I was summoned. I really don't know what other things the public said in my absence.

Atlanta asks: What if killer is white?

By Lee May and Jeff Prugh

ATLANTA, (LAT) — All over town, on the low-income south side to the high-rise north side to the steel-and-glass skyscrapers along Peachtree Street, one hears the nagging question: What if the killer is white? It is clear that the thought troubles Atlanta. A bizarre, still-unsolved murders and disappearances of 22 black children in the past months — besides frightening thousands of children and their parents — have ignited a fire of racial polarization here.

If it ever came out that a white person was possible, we've got trouble," W.K. Perry, a former chief homicide detective, here told. "We can't rule out a white, but I'd just bet that the person is black. Kids who black are more likely to go to someone of their own race, unless the white person is new to the neighborhood."

If it turns out to be somebody from the K who's doing the killing, it'll cause an ear," said State Sen. Julian Bond, a black 3-time civil rights activist who has five children of his own. "But," Bond added, "if a single, white, deranged man like John Wayne (who was convicted of the slayings of 35 young men in Chicago in 1978, the last mass murder in U.S. history), there be horror, anger and revulsion."

Blacks and whites in Atlanta became acutely known for keeping their cool and talking responsibly to each other during the long, summers of civil rights protests and riot that swept the nation in the 1960s. But the heat has been turned up under the iron again.

here is so much fear that one teacher says she tells her pupils to "run away" even if they are approached by a policeman or cleric. Adults and children speculate on who the killer — or killers — might be, and even those who attended the funeral of a victim is under surveillance by police videotape cameras that scan the audience, searching for viable suspects.

speculation about the killer is rampant. Some officials theorize that more than one is involved. Some Atlantans wonder if youngsters would be more easily enticed by a man. Some blacks doubt that the killer is black because he would be too visible in a black neighborhood, but others argue that he never has been any mass killer who is black.

The crisis focuses worldwide attention on Atlanta, which is 55 per cent black and has a black mayor and a mostly black administration. Biracial groups of community leaders talking behind closed doors about what should be done to head off even the faintest of violent reaction to the crimes. This region's capital city of 430,000 is mindful of its racial rioting last May.

"It's an obvious concern," said Dan Sweat, white director of Central Atlanta Progress, a coalition of the city's powerful, predominantly white downtown business leaders. "I talk to lots of people — black and white — and the feeling is that anything could

happened. But I'm encouraged by the response we've had so far. Blacks and whites are searching for clues together on weekends, and they've contributed to the reward fund (more than \$100,000)."

One of the black leaders who is striving to keep the city's racial peace is Ozell Sutton, southeastern regional director of the U.S. Department of Justice's community relations service. "This city has been remarkably calm and has taken it better than any city I could imagine," Sutton said in an interview. "The reason is that blacks have a tremendous input into the decision-making here. Nobody can claim that the authorities aren't doing anything."

"But then again, this cannot go on forever."

Other black leaders say that the killings have heightened tensions that otherwise would remain contained.

"It is racially tense," Janet Douglass, director of the Community Relations Commission, said flatly. The 21-member, nonprofit organization of blacks and whites "is getting more calls from whites," she said, and "cases of individual harassment" have increased.

The baffling series of crimes has produced no suspects, no motives and apparently no solid clues. It has around unrest on several fronts. The city is rife with rumors that some of the victims were mutilated. But Public Safety Commissioner Lee P. Brown said "there has been no mutilation of any of those kids."

However, it is unusual to talk with blacks here about the slayings without the subject of mutilations being mentioned. One mortician told his wife that a body he handled had been mutilated, but refused to discuss it with reporters. He said that all morticians in the city have met twice with Fulton county coroners, who warned the undertakers not to talk about the case.

"It's really a tense situation," the mortician said. Many Atlantans theorize that if the mutilations did take place, news of them somehow would add to the already high level of fear and anger. Others say that police officials want to keep such details secret so they can weed out real suspects from ones who would not know such details.

Commissioner Brown said that investigators are keeping some information to themselves. "We're telling as much as we can," he said. "The public understands that." But he insists that mutilations are not part of the withheld information. Excessive fear, nightmares and other psychological disorders continue to plague many youngsters as publicity on the killings increases, psychologists here say.

At 8 o'clock on a recent warm, springlike morning, Mary Ruff, a veteran school-crossing guard, described the apprehension among black children who attend Cook Elementary School in southeast Atlanta. "They are afraid to pass under that bridge," she said, pointing. "They come out crying, saying they don't want to go home."

Ruff, who has escorted school children across streets here since 1971, said that when

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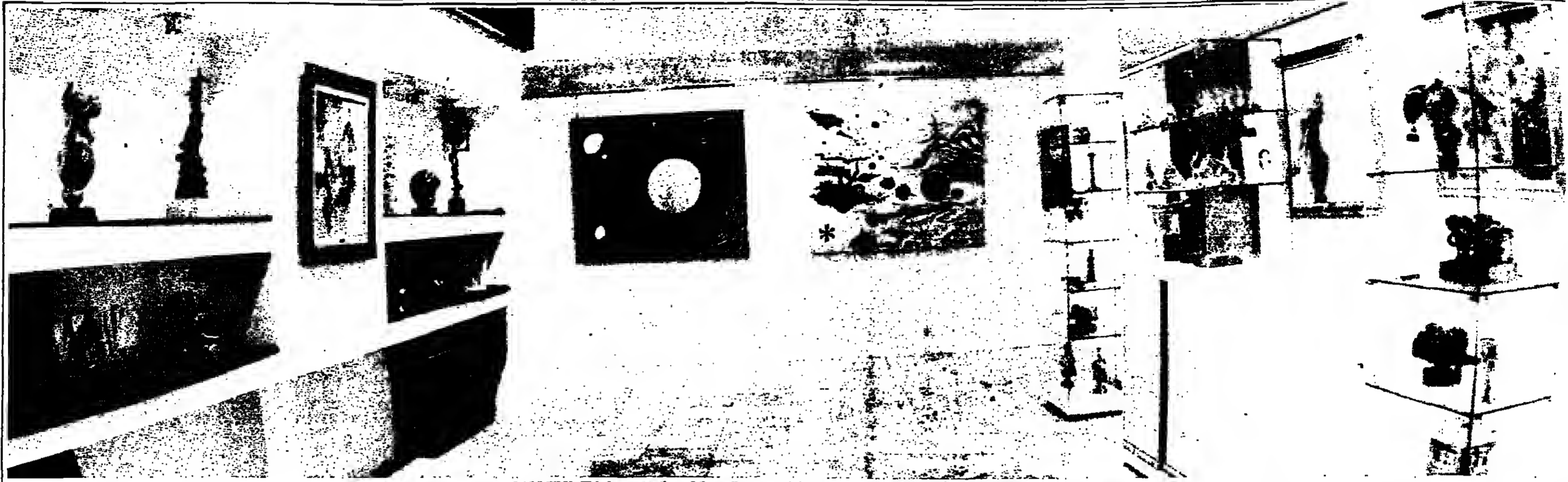
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GALLERY: This is one section of the gallery containing some of the best paintings, including Calder's.

With paintings and sculptures

Jeddah art gallery boosts culture

By Farouk Luqman

JEDDAH — Opening an exclusive art gallery in the country a few years ago would have been, at best, a risky investment. Most of the paintings available for sale in the furniture stores consisted of reprints, lithographs and, in the higher end of the market, a few cleverly printed "pictographs."

Not so today as the new Tag Arts Saudi has shown.

It started as an idea by a French society photographer who had been visiting the Kingdom to take pictures on special occasions. But Gerard Delorme is also an artist who has a modest gallery in Paris and has plenty of knowledge of paintings and other works of art like sculpture and surrealist shapes and forms by some of the leading practitioners in the world, including artists of Saudi Arabia. There are a number of paintings by Dr. Abdul Halim Ridawi, the most famous male painter here. The female one is Safia bint Zagr.

Delorme convinced Akram Ojeh, a Saudi Arabian citizen of Syrian origin who is also a well-known collector and connoisseur, to open shop in Jeddah and later on in Riyadh. They formed a partnership with Aziz Abul Ainaln, an architect from



Gerard Delorme

the U.S. and his brother Faisal put up SR5 million and selected a wa-side villa, deliberately off the main road to exhibit their paintings, ranging from poor man's lithographs at a few hundred riyals apiece to SR500,000 original paintings by Calder. "We chose this place on purpose," Delorme said, "because we do not want to be in the center of the bazaar so that we

may safeguard our exclusivity." The idea is for visitors with so much money to spend on a work of art that will not generate money unless it is sold in years to come, to linger in a congenial atmosphere and engage the owner and resident expert in prolonged conversation. This can happen if the shop is a hit way out and the number of callers is smaller than that of say furniture shops.

The notion of such a shop turned out to be a brilliant idea, at least as far as business is concerned. One Calder painting has been sold at half a million riyals which Delorme believes will double in value every two to three years, and the monthly turnover of the shop is close to SR1 million and rising rapidly which encourages the owners to plan another shop in the capital this year.

Although paintings form the backbone of the gallery, sculptures made to order are not too far behind. Jeddah municipality has ordered one for SR440,000 to be erected in the center of the city's rush housing program opposite the present airport. It was chosen by Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi who is a civil engineer and an acknowledged artist as shown by the many and varied shapes that dot the city. He is a collector of paintings in his own right,



ALGERIAN—This Arab setting painted in Algeria is one of the best-selling pictographs in the gallery. The original was copied brilliantly through a new printing technique.

Delorme said.

There is admittedly a lot of money in circulation in this country, but did Delorme expect such an enterprise to be commercially viable. Would Delorme expect such an enterprise to be commercially

viable. Would some people opt to spend so much money, relatively speaking, on a work of art?

Delorme was emphatic. He said there are a lot of art lovers here who can spot a great painting. Maybe they did not gradu-

ate in art and art history but they can appreciate an oil painting whether traditional or modern. A number of visitors bought paintings of Arabs sitting under a tree in an Algerian setting decades ago when the French still ruled the country. Others lapped up modern Japanese works which apparently show nothing concrete or discernible, but exhibit a marvelous symmetry of colors which cannot fail to attract attention and admiration. The prices go up to or come down from SR20,000 each.

The owners were also fortunate in setting up an excellent workshop for framing the paintings. There would have been little sense in selling costly pictures and letting the new proud owner go to the souk in search of frames. They acquired a new, but advanced technology to secure the pictures, with no nails used and no strings and, therefore, no damage possibility. "We have 70 kinds of frames which together make up 60,000 linear meters. You can take my word, they are better than those in Europe," Delorme said. Besides, the new owner can have his painting framed and delivered to his house during the same day.

Who buys such paintings? Delorme behaves like a doctor sworn to secrecy and gives away no names. "It is not so important to know who owns what," he said. "But I can tell you that art appreciation for art's sake is growing fast and Saudi Arabia will become the repository of some of the world's finest paintings before the 1980s are out."

Scientist discovers frog gives birth through the mouth

By Barry Moody

SYDNEY. (R) — Australian scientists hope to discover a new way of treating stomach ulcers by studying a Queensland frog that hatches its eggs in its stomach before giving birth through its mouth.

Michael Tyler, a senior zoology lecturer at Adelaide University, said the frog was unique in the animal kingdom.

"This is a most extraordinary event. Nothing, absolutely nothing else uses its stomach as a brooding pouch," he said. He said certain types of fish carried eggs in their mouths for protection, but did not swallow them because the eggs would be digested in the stomach.

After swallowing the fertilized egg, the frog broods them in the stomach for up to eight weeks. Somehow the stomach's digestive acids are prevented from harming the eggs.

During the brooding period the frog eats nothing and the young survive on food contained in a yolk sac.

The swimming tadpole stage common to most frogs is bypassed and the young emerge from the mother's mouth as fully developed frogs. Tyler said the frog's brooding system was so extraordinary that at first many scientists refused to believe it. A British scientific magazine rejected a paper on the frog.

But Tyler has now filmed and photographed a birth and another British magazine has published a paper on the frog. An Australian charitable foundation has granted Tyler and two doctors a \$25,000 grant for research to find what inhibits the frog's gastric juices.

Tyler said the research by himself, gastroenterologist Prof. David Shearman and surgeon Paul O'Brien, could eventually yield important information about the causes of and treatment for peptic ulcers, which are

produced by excessive stomach acid.

"It is obviously of tremendous interest to discover how the animal shuts off the secretion of acid and to see whether mammals and eventually man can do the same," Tyler said.

When Tyler tried to film a birth, the first frog he selected spewed six young up to 60 centimeters (two feet) from its mouth.

But, he told an Australian newspaper: "The second mother held her mouth incredibly wide — it was agape — and waited for the babies to just step out. As a scientist I see new things every day, but this was staggering."

The mother frog can carry up to 25 young, doubling her body weight and shifting her gravity so that she must hang vertically in water with only her nose and front feet protruding.

The gastric brooding frog was first discovered in 1972 but its method of brooding was not detected for some time. It is only known to exist in a small area of southeast Queensland. So far the frogs have all been brought to the laboratory after being found pregnant in the wild and none has been bred in captivity.

Tyler said the frog's development was "a trend in evolution without parallel. It is most weird."

The normal evolutionary trend was to greater and greater specialization of organs. The use of the stomach for brooding was a complete reversal, Tyler said.

The researchers believe the eggs may be coated with a chemical which signals the stomach to change its function.

But whatever this chemical is, Tyler believes it must be something which is common in the animal kingdom.

He said the inhibition of the stomach must always have worked perfectly. "I can't see how it would work if the young were first of all partly digested."

French exhibition shows off gracious living style

By Betty Graham

RIYADH — The French Exhibition that opened at Al-Dhifa Exhibition Center presents a picture of all that is meant today by gracious living in the French style and also throws light on the technological advance that has been acquired by the different enterprises taking part in this field.

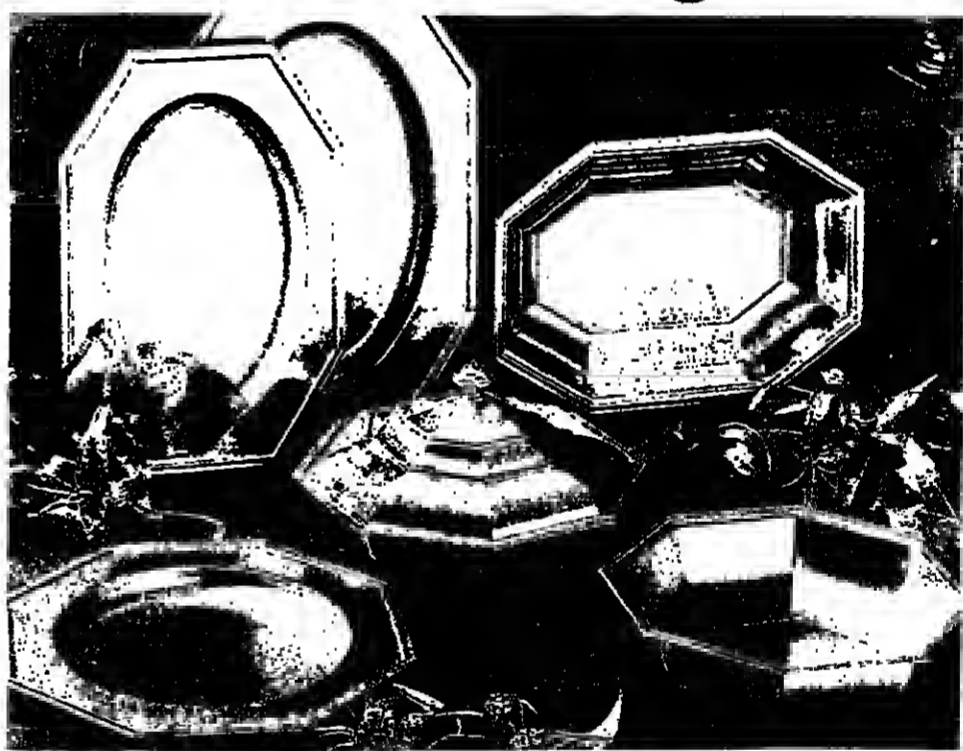
The decor of a house in France is not only judged by the purpose of bringing to the people of Saudi Arabia the French home furnishing and decorations. How to achieve harmonization of forms and colors and to produce a total harmony in the decoration of the house.

Table-ware boasts of porcelain de Limoges COQUET which was founded in 1838. Since 1963, the COQUET family have introduced new trends to traditional China. There are a variety of designs and patterns on display. Most of these products are exported around the world to Europe, the USA, Canada and elsewhere.

To decorate a table there is always a personal touch. Beautiful crystal glasses, translucent porcelain or colored pottery, and a handsome table service are accessories which the hostess cannot dispense with, because a beautifully arranged table with good taste gives rise to an esthetic feeling that is receptive to gastronomic pleasure.

Cristal de Paris are color-lined crystal to gold-inlaid crystal. They produce all kinds of crystal items table service, ornamental objects, vases, bowls, cups and decanters. One of many crystals is the crystal of Saint Louis who are the oldest French crystal manufacturer. They cater for the house, table decorations vases, ashtrays, howls, lighting etc.

Saint Louis is one of the World's most renowned brands and exports to 80 countries, especially to the Middle East. Its tradi-



ELEGANT DINING: Silver Dining ware on exhibition at the French show.

tional clientele consists of kings, heads of state, princes, embassies and diplomatic corps.

The style is traditional and classic and the specialty being gilded items, real gold inlays. If requested Saint Louis can also put the coat of arms of its glasses. They can be seen at Le Faubourg in Jeddah.

Stainless steel table-ware is very elegant with comprehensive lines. The charm of the Jean Couzon collection is that, like steeling, its beautiful. These classic serving pieces possess a delicate artistry once found only in steri-

ling silver. The rich warm finish never needs polishing, in other words, the beauty is for ever.

Enamelled cast-iron cookware for tasty cooking and good quality utensils. It was founded in 1925 and by 1948 it had a staff of 75. It employed 750 and owns 4 subsidiaries of which 2 are in U.S., in all 1850 employees. The cookware is displayed very well.

Silver is in plenty by renowned silver smiths of Paris in the tradition of French Style with the elegance of form, quality and finish.

The table service of Saint Medard Orlevres (one of the names) will be the highlight of the table.

Mirrors were of numerous sizes and shapes made by Miroiterie the industry is located in Paris. It specializes from bathroom contemporary, mirrors to tempered glass for the building industry showerdoors, cabinets, clear or silvered anti-glass, grey, bronze, creole, coral green etc.

There is the old and the new home furnishings, as well as a blend of the two. All are of high quality and comfort. A unique collection of fabrics is used for sophisticated cladding (plain and genoise velvet, silks and chintz). Leather lounge furniture with a very comfortable feeling is also in the offering. Copies of famous craftsmen can also be admired. Upholsters or lacquered bedroom sets, dining sets with matching furniture, are all represented by different firms. Almost extensive French collection of high fashion seats, from the contemporary line is perfection in comfort.

Floor and wall coverings soft furnishings, blankets, household linen, light fittings are all mentionable. Household linen are embroidered and printed, finished in the finest French tradition. Stylish borders and delicate pattern woven in gold threads and muslin flounces are luxurious decorations for the sheets and table cloths of the 1981 collections.

Garden furniture consists of lacquered aluminium which can withstand severe weather conditions such as extreme heat of radical changes in temperature. Sea-side furniture in plastic, particularly adapted to these parts. Aluminium furniture with synthetic fiber seats. Tanning seats in laminated plastics and much more. Artificial flowers/plants and trees for home decoration are also in plenty by famous French designers and manufacturers.

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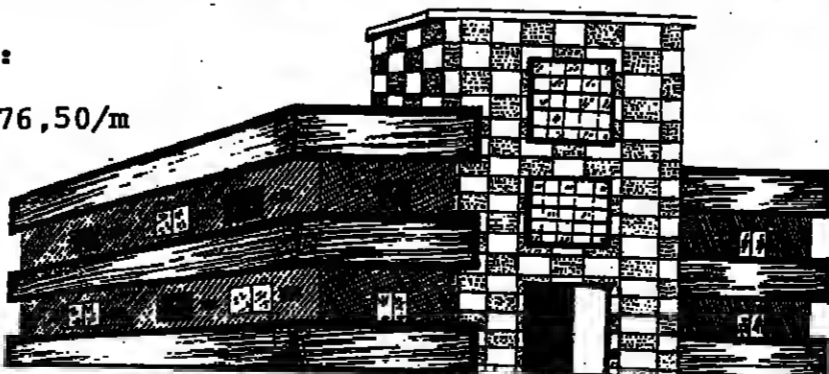
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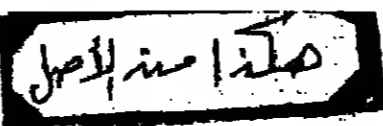
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WAITING FOR POPPA: A furry toy black bear, wearing a Chicago Cubs baseball hat, sits in the chair of White House Press Secretary James Brady. Someone placed the bear in Brady's chair after doctors reported encouraging signs about his progress in recovering from a bullet wound in the brain.



CRIPPLE: Despite advances in the affluent Western world, the age-old problem of leprosy is reported to be on the increase in Third World countries. There are now more than 3 million lepers in the world. Seen here is a leper in an African colony.



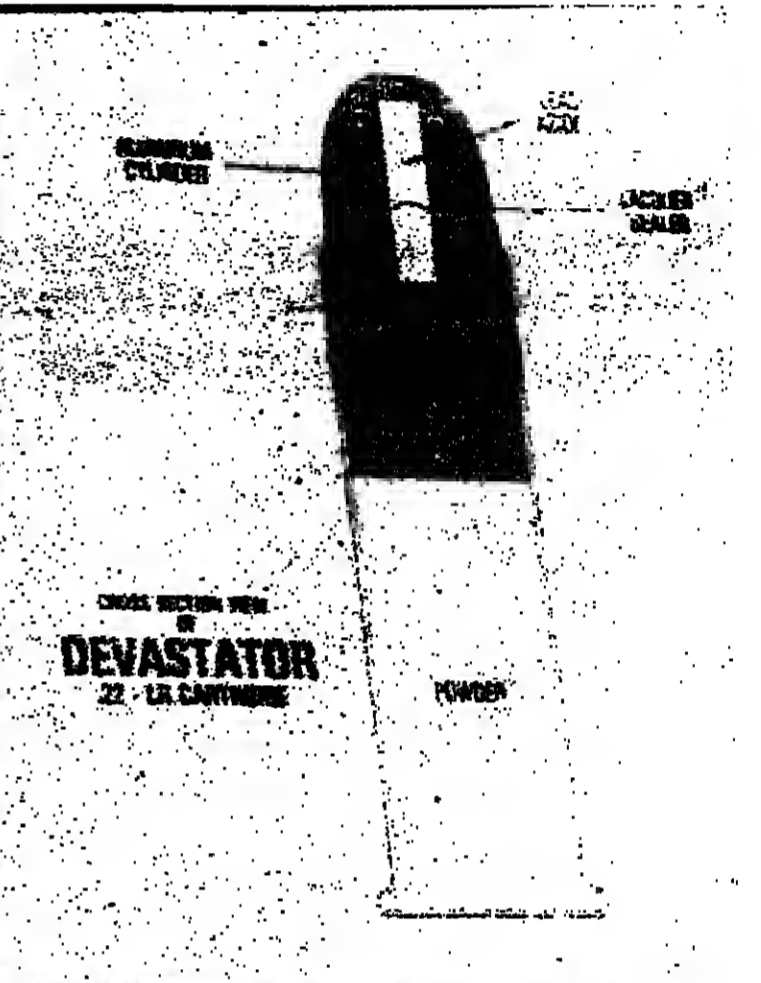
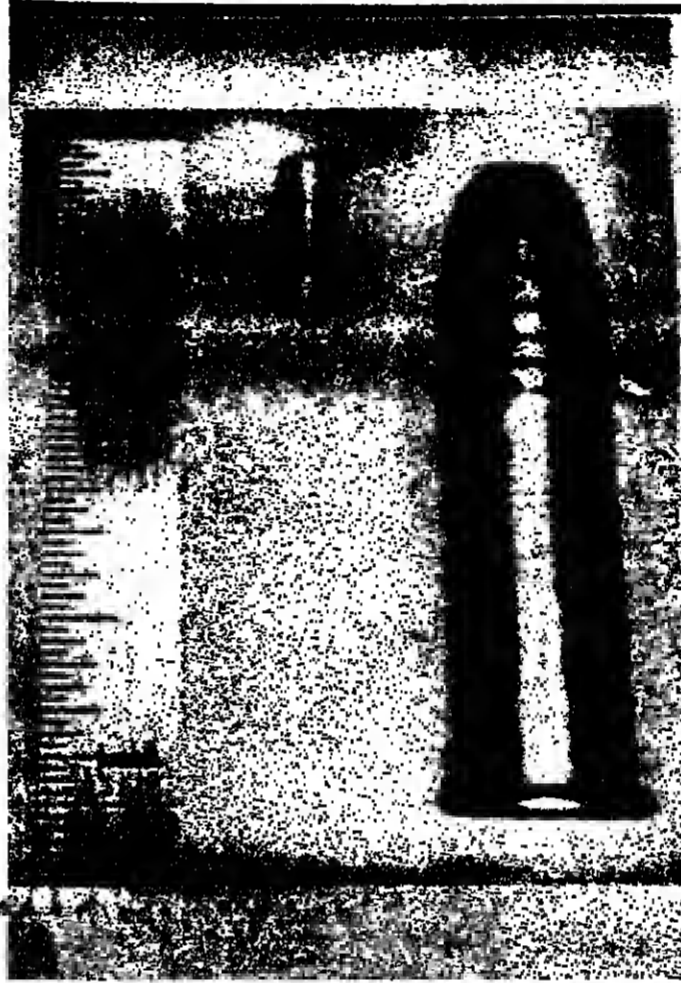
COMMUNE FARM: Water is literally trodden from this river into a rice paddy field. The foot-powered irrigation system is part of a commune farm in the People's Republic of China.



STARVATION: These children are just a few of many thousands suffering from starvation and disease in Kampuchea. A newly-arrived Red Cross man (left) is now one of a number of helpers trying to save the children's lives.



DANGER STREET: Zurich policemen counter protests by demonstrators over the reclosing of the Autonomie Youth Center in the end of March. Police came late and all they could do was to help cars to get by student barricades in the street.



BULLET USED: Photo on left shows the type of 'Devastator' bullet used in an assassination attempt on President Reagan shown with the aluminum cylinder taken out. Photo on the right shows a diagram of the 'Devastator.'



EVIDENCE: One of the developments in law enforcement is to introduce special TB cameras for documenting evidence. Battery-operated, the sight and sound camera can instantly be played back through a TV set.



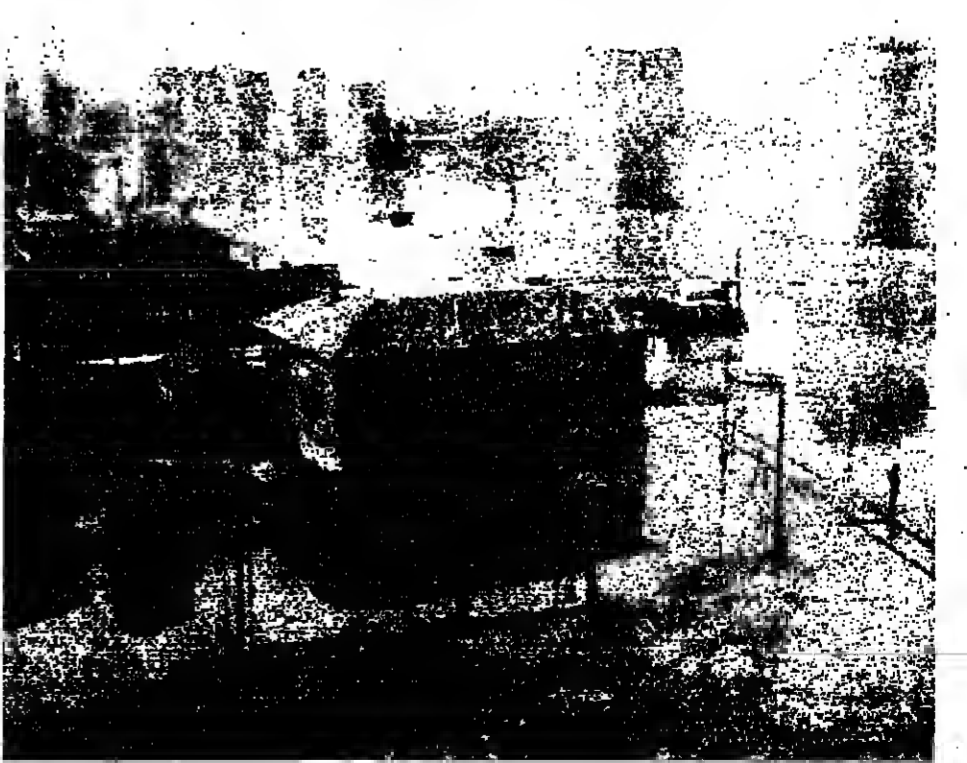
UP AND AWAY: Groom and bride, Frank Smith and Linda Neidner of Gardiner, Maine, take off from the Augusta State Airport in a hot-air balloon late Sunday afternoon. The balloon's pilot and a justice of the peace are not visible.



GRIEF: Mrs. Betty Duncan, mother of Atlanta's latest child slaying victim, Eddie Duncan, holds her head on entering Atlanta funeral home for her son's services. Eddie Duncan is the first adult victim on the list of 22 slayings in Atlanta.



GIVES UP: A man surrenders to authorities in Chicago after holding a man hostage for more than nine hours. He heft up in the house after allegedly shooting a suburban policeman.



FLOODS: A view of the medieval fortress of Smederevo, some 60 km. east of Belgrade, flooded by the Danube.

BEEBLE BAILEY

I'VE KEPT THIS DIARY FOR OVER 30 YEARS

A COMPLETE RECORD OF MY LIFE IN THE ARMY

I'M GOING TO PUBLISH IT... ALL I NEED IS A GOOD TITLE

HOW ABOUT "MEMOIRS OF A WIMP IN WONDERLAND"?

WIMP WALKER

BLONDIE

HONEY, WAKE UP!

WHAT? WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT EDNA FROOB

AND NOW THAT I'VE GOT THAT OFF MY CHEST, I THINK I'LL BE ABLE TO SLEEP

B.C.

YOU HAVE A DEFINITE LEANING FOR MATHEMATICS!

HOW COME YOU NEVER WENT INTO THAT FIELD?

I CAN'T COUNT

PALMIST

ANDY CAPP

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE

ANDY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET TWO HUNDRED QUID A WEEK WORKING IN A BREWERY?

I SURE WOULD!

SO WOULD I MATE, IN THE MEANTIME—

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE

WHAT BAIT ARE YOU USING?

EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE

HAGAR

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GOT HOME FROM WORK — DINNER IS ON THE TABLE!

IS IT OKAY IF I HAVE A DRINK AND UNWIND FIRST?

SMALL SOCIETY

HOO-BOY!

HOW COME THE GOVERNMENT IS ALWAYS DOING SOMETHING I CAN'T AFFORD?

GOOD LUCK

WIZARD

AH HA!

WHAT IS IT?

I'VE DISCOVERED A BLACK HOLE!

...AND NOBODY GOING TO APPEAL WITH THAT!

SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

KEEP ATTACKERS AWAY FROM NET.

TRY FOR MORE DEPTH ON YOUR GROUNDSTROKES UP AGAINST A STRONG SERVE-AND-VOLLEY PLAYER.

IF YOU CAN KEEP HIM AT A STANSTILL OR MOVE HIM BACKWARDS, NULLIFY HIS STRENGTHS!

DENNIS the MENACE

A FEW MINUTES! DIDN'T YOU TELL HIM MY DOG WAS SICK?

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Bidding Quiz

You have the following hand, both sides vulnerable:

♠ AKQ ♠ 83 ♠ Q85 ♠ AJ2

1. You are the dealer. What would you bid?
2. Your partner deals and bids One Diamond, next player passes. What would you bid?
3. Your left-hand opponent bids One Diamond and your right-hand opponent bids One Heart. What would you bid?
4. Your partner deals and bids One Heart and the next player doubles. What would you bid?
5. Your partner deals and bids One Spade, and partner bids Three Diamonds. What would you bid?
6. Your left-hand opponent bids One Club and your right-hand opponent bids One Spade. What would you bid?

Answers:

1. One club. Despite your 16 points and balanced distribution, which suggest opening one notrump, it is better to start with a suit bid. As usual, with equally-long clubs and spades, you choose the lower suit in order to conserve bidding space. Basically, the notrump bid is rejected because you have two unguarded suits.
2. One spade. You're sure of game, but that doesn't mean you should bid two spades to show it. A jump-shift would indicate a probable slam, and your values are simply not good enough for that. Change a heart into a spade or a diamond and you'd then have a classic two spade bid. One spade is 100 per cent forcing and you plan to bid strongly later on.
3. Double. This indicates the values for an opening bid and support for spades and clubs. It would be wrong to bid one spade. That would indicate greater spade length and much less in high cards.
4. Redouble. This shows 10 or more points. You plan either to get to game or double the opponents for penalty.
5. Four clubs. A small slam is already certain, since the jump-shift shows at least 20 points, distributional or otherwise. You hope to arrive at a grand slam. Four clubs is a waiting bid to compel partner to reveal the nature of his jump-shift. He may have: ♠ J983 ♠ AKQ73 ♠ AK83 ♠ — or ♠ 5 ♠ AK8762 ♠ AKJ93 ♠ 10 or similar holdings. You'll have to wait and see what he does over four clubs.
6. Pass. The value of a hand changes as the bidding progresses. Before the bidding started, you had a good chance of finding partner with spade or club length, but that hope is now largely dissipated. Your best strategy is to adopt a defensive posture and hope the opponents climb too high.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

A close tie may renege on a promise. Someone's glum disposition could dampen your mood. Maintain harmony at home base.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

A work problem concerns you, but trying to escape this matter only complicates things. Face up to facts. Settle accounts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Be sure to follow through on promises. Vagueness on your part makes it difficult for others to make plans. Be considerate.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

No, a problem simply won't just disappear. Your tendency is to do nothing and hope for the best. Come out of your shell. Participate.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

You needn't gloss over the truth because of inner doubts. You'll only get yourself in deeper. Take a more positive attitude.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

You veer from penuriosity to extravagance now. Be careful in financial dealings with others. Someone may be late for a date.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Be more optimistic about a career matter. Indecisiveness may be a problem. An unexpected expense could arise. Don't overlook details.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You're not in the mood to take advice now. However, don't misjudge another's good intentions. Travel plans may have to be changed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

This is not a good time to collect money due you. A friend has a big line. Don't believe everything you hear now. Avoid risks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

A close tie may be depressed. Be considerate. You may be overlooking an important detail about a career matter. Double-check facts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Your daily routine may seem confining now, but avoid a tendency to be too independent. Follow through on business commitments.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Be skeptical about financial propositions. Watch credit-card spending. You may be concerned about children's expenses.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 English spa river

5 Dining room (Sp.)

9 Beret of color

11 Mustard family plant

13 Cubic meter

14 Act with a flair

15 That male

16 China's — Yat-sen

18 Blue Eagle org.

19 Irritate

21 Dickensian tyke

22 Equivocate

23 Iranian's ancestor

24 Accelerated

27 Gone above

28 Ancient Egyptian city

29 Clique

30 Venial or mortal

31 Humble

34 Hipster

35 Ancient days

36 Born (Fr.)

38 Heart chambers

40 Correct a text

42 Memorize

43 Scandinvian

44 Dispatch

DOWN

1 Wild party

2 Patty Duke — Subject

4 That female

5 Weill's "Street —"

6 Pitcher's asset

7 "A Winter's Tale" king

8 On horseback

10 Settled

12 Mariners

17 German city

20 Subsequently

23 Wee bit leader

24 Rascalion

25 Takes the dummies controls

26 — Powers

27 Blush

28 (WWI group) rebel group

29 Musical note

31 Late labor sound

32 One of Bergens dummies

33 High-strung

37 German

39 Irish

41 Byre

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAX
is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

ZN ZT TMDNSZDST NRS DEK
CRM MUSKT NRS LMMA CRM
ZT NRS VETN NM SKNSA NRS
AMMD — SVZOEQSNR E. QZQSTXM
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: BEFORE YOU LOVE, LEARN TO RUN THROUGH SNOW LEAVING NO FOOTPRINT. — TURKISH PROVERB

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Believe It or Not!

JUDGE ROY BEAN (1825-1903)
THE COLORFUL TEXAS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE AND CORONER, UNWILLING TO BURY A CORPSE FOR THE FEE OF \$5 SEARCHED THE BODY FOR A GUN AND \$40 AND GOT FUNERAL EXPENSES BY FINING THE CORPSE \$40 FOR POSSESSION OF A CONCEALED WEAPON

THEAGENES
UNDEFEATED CHAMPION OF ANCIENT GREECE, WON 1400 CHAMPIONSHIPS, FOUGHT AS MANY AS 10 FIGHTS IN A SINGLE DAY AND KILLED MORE THAN 800 MEN WITH HIS FISTS

"THE GOOD OL' DAYS"
WAS SOLD ON NEW YORK'S LOWER EAST SIDE IN THE 1930s FOR ONE CENT A CUP

arabnews CALENDAR

3:00 Children's Show
3:25 Matteson
4:30 Go Show
5:17 Black Beauty
5:41 Documentary
6:31 Dukes of Hazard
7:28 The Jeffersons
7:52 The Virginian
9:07 Barnaby Jones
9:55 Famous Film Theatre

Small Arabic TV Programs
FRIDAY: 4:00 Quran; 4:30 children's programs; 5:15 soccer; 6:00 Education program; 7:00 Daily Arabic Series; 8:00 Arabic News; 9:30 Family hour; 9:30 English News; 10:00 Lou Grant; 10:40 Arabic Film; 11:30 News.

DUBAI Channel 18 Programs
FRIDAY: 2:00 Quran; 2:15 Religious Talk; 2:30 Cartoons; 3:00 World of Disney; 4:00 Children's Program; 5:00 The Virginian; 6:35 Agricultural Program; 7:10 Religious Talk; 7:30 Documentary; 8:00 Local News; 8:10 Sharara; 9:00 Arabic Drama; 10:00 News At Ten; 10:35 Selected Songs Tomorrow's Program; 10:45 Wrestling; 11:15 Feature Film.

BHARAIN TV Programs
FRIDAY: 4:30 Quran; 4:45 Cartoons; 5:30 Mickey Mouse; 5:55 Thunder; 6:00 To Rome With Love; 6:25 Great Western Theater; 7:15 Islamic Horizons; 7:30 Give Us A Chance; 8:00 Local News; 8:10 Executive Suite; 9:00 Theatricals; 9:30 World News; 10:25 Ripping Yarns; 10:50 Musical Interlude; 11:10 Friday Feature.

QATAR TV Programs
FRIDAY: 5:00 Quran; 5:10 Open Scenarios; 6:00 News; 6:45 What the Papers Say; 7:00 Footnotes; 7:45 Arabic Series; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Arabic Film; 10:00 English News; 10:20 Arabic Film; 11:45 Quran.

KUWAIT Channel 2 Programs
FRIDAY: 7:00 Quran; 7:05 Cartoons; 7:30 No Honey-Only 8:00 News in English; 8:15 Understanding Islam; 9:00 Quran; 9:45 Ralshab Adventure.

QATAR TV Programs
FRIDAY: 5:02 Quran 5:08 Today's Programs; 5:10 Students' Program; 6:15 Cartoons; 6:30 Adult Education; 6:50 Circus; 7:20 Family Program; 7:30 Songs; 7:50 Arabic Film; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Quiz Program; 9:30 Songs/Soldier's Diary; 10:00 English News; 10:20 Theater play/Film; 11:50 News; 11:55 Quran.

FRIDAY: 5:45 Quran; 6:00 Cartoons; 6:55 Sonnets; 7:45 Time Adventure; 8:10 Rollie On The River; 8:35 Get Smart; 9:00 Feature; 10:15 Dr. Kildare; 10:40 1 Spy.

Kidworld No. 101
Brightly of the Grand Canyon
Huck Finn
Salter on a Horse
The Great War
High Ocean
Ring of Silence
Frenz of Anger
Tumble in God's Eve

FRIDAY: 8:00 News Roundup
Reports; Analysis; Opinion; Analysts

8:30 Dateline News Summary
9:00 Special English: News; Picture; The Making of a Nation
9:30 Music USA: (Standard)
10:00 News Roundup
Reports; Activities
10:45 Opening: Analysts

Morning Transmission

8:00 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
9:00 News Summary
8:30 Sarah Ward
8:45 World Today
9:00 Newsdesk
9:30 Opera Star
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
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10:30 Sarah Ward
10:45 Something to Show You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Myatt

8:30 Take One
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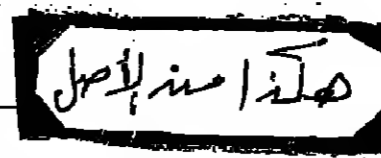
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Dearer oil tilts balance of payments scale

Japan's sweep piques West

LONDON, April 9, (R) — With trade slumping and traditional strongholds like West Germany in balance of payments trouble, this year's round of international economic conferences will face problems of huge imbalances in world commerce.

One pattern has already become familiar: The enormous surpluses of the OPEC countries as dollars flood into the oil-exporting nations to pay for dearer energy.

But there have also been shifts of trade patterns in the West in recent years that could cause strains between the financial leaders. The European Common Market as a whole is in serious deficit and its most powerful economy, West Germany, is in balance of payments difficulties, even though its manufacturing productivity remains comparatively strong.

On the other hand the United States now has a balance of payments surplus after several years during which lack of confidence in the American economy had weakened the dollar. And Britain, even though it is having to fight desperately against industrial decline, also has a current account surplus.

Concern has grown about the Common Market's waning competitiveness. The EEC trade deficit almost doubled to \$61 billion in 1980 compared with 1979.

Europeans are alarmed about the success of Japan's exports to the EEC, hitting domestic industries which already are having to cut workforces and hours, especially

in carmaking. This, plus American concern about Japanese cars penetrating U.S. markets, could raise temperatures at the Ottawa economic summit in July. The Europeans also complain that U.S. oil and gas controls protect its synthetic fibers industry by giving it lower-priced fuel, while the Americans argue their edge comes from industrial efficiency.

West Germany plans to place the issue of Japanese exports on the agenda of the summit which brings together the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada.

West Germany in 1980 had a current account deficit of about \$13.4 billion, more than double that of 1979. It has been hit by high oil import bills, priced in terms of the dollar which has risen against the mark, and by German tourism abroad.

West Germany, however, is still the world's second largest exporting nation only marginally behind the U.S. according to the latest United Nations statistics which show the U.S. share of world exports in 1979 at 10.9 per cent and Germany's at 10.5.

Nevertheless, some West German experts feel their country's share may have passed its peak, particularly in cars, mechanical engineering and electronic goods. Meanwhile, Japan's share of world exports has almost doubled since 1960 with 6.3 per cent.

Japan has to import almost all its energy needs and oil costs and enormously to its total imports bill. Even so, it registered a trade surplus because of high exports. But, when invisibles, including both short and long-term flows of funds in and out of the country, were taken into account, Japan registered a balance of payments deficit of \$8.4 billion in 1980, but the overall trend was favorable because it was only half of the 1979 deficit.

The U.S. last year achieved the first surplus in its overall international transactions since 1976, a balance of payments surplus of \$118 million compared with a \$705 million deficit in 1979. Measured on trade alone, the U.S. had a \$27.4 billion deficit although this was \$2 billion less than in 1979.

Britain, helped by its North Sea oil and



MINI-OPEC CONFERENCE: Delegates of the five countries of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) holding a conference in Geneva some months ago to discuss the price of petrol and its impact on the dollar on the exchange markets.

money earned from services provided by the long-experienced financial center of London, gained a balance of payments surplus of about \$6 billion in 1980 compared with a deficit of around \$3.5 billion in 1979. These imbalances, and their disturbing

effects on currencies, will be studied by experts of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) whose policy-making interim committee meets in Gabon next month before the September annual meeting in Washington. The experts will be looking again at the

phenomenon of the enormous OPEC surplus which has been building steadily since oil prices began soaring in 1974.

The oil-exporting developing countries registered a balance of payments surplus of \$115 billion in 1980, compared with \$68 billion in 1979 and only \$8 billion in 1973.

The avalanche of money into OPEC is one of the highest international transfers of cash in history, compared by some historians to the vast flow of treasure from the Americas to Spain and Portugal in the 16th and 17th centuries.

In sharp contrast, the Western industrial countries have slumped from an overall balance of payments surplus of \$10 billion in 1973 to a deficit of \$80 billion last year.

IMF experts and international bankers have been grappling with the problem of "recycling" some of OPEC's cash to fuel economic recovery in the West through investment and also to help development in the Third World.

The Geneva-based secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which sets rules for 70 per cent of the world's commerce, reports that the world economy in 1980 suffered its worst year since 1975 and that trade in 1981 is running below last year's average with no signs of a revival.

Bonn, Paris to float \$6b joint loan

PARIS, April 9 (AP) — France and West Germany are to borrow a joint loan of about \$6 billion largely from oil-rich nations, to stimulate their flagging economies, the two governments have announced.

The loan is formally for 5 billion ECUS, the accounting unit of the European Common Market, to be split equally between the two nations, German's portion will be raised in marks and the French half either in francs or ECUS, ECUS are determined on a weighted basket of Common Market currencies.

West German government chief spokesman Kurt Becker said last week that members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and particularly Saudi Arabia, were expected to be major subscribers to the loan.

The announcement here came from the office of Premier Raymond Barre. But significantly, President Valery Giscard d'Estaing also announced it during a press conference on economics at the headquarters of his campaign for reelection for a second seven-year term. The elections are April 26 and May 10. A joint statement said the loan "to be a part of 'immediate and simultaneous new and concerted action' to help deal with unemployment and to permit 'structural adjustments' in their economies."



X-RAY SCANNER: The production of vehicle tires is today so advanced that X-ray machines are now used regularly to inspect the inside construction of truck tire threads. Seen here is an X-ray scanner at a tire plant at Nashville, Tennessee. The method helps to protect drivers from faulty tires and the possibility of accidents due to blowouts.

Pending contracts

Kuwait halts oil loading

ROME, April 9 (R) — Kuwait has stopped supplying oil to all customers with which it has still to complete price review negotiations for the year which started April 1. Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah said Thursday.

He declined to name the customers or to discuss details of Kuwait's requests, resisted by several major customers, for a premium above its official price of \$35.50 a barrel. "In

certain cases negotiations have not yet started. It is common procedure for the oil department not to accept nomination for lifting until an agreement is reached. It is normal that no schedule of lifting would be agreed before the 'a's are dotted and the 's' are crossed in the transaction, Sheikh Ali Khalifa told reporters.

Oil industry sources earlier said Kuwait had suspended loadings by British Petroleum (BP), Royal Dutch/Shell, Gulf Oil of the United States and Idemitsu and Daikyo oil of Japan.

Ali Sahah, in Rome for an oil seminar, declined to use the word "suspended". He said it was normal not to ship oil when contracts were not settled, but added he expected them to be signed in two to three weeks.

Sheikh Ali Khalifa said Kuwait was shipping more than one million barrels per day (BPD) under contracts already settled.

Western oil sources earlier stated its output before April 1 at around 1.5 million BPD, adding that the companies took a strong line against paying premiums of two or three dollars a barrel because they foresaw a developing in the world market surplus of oil.

Referring to oil prices, Al Sabah said that he doubts the OPEC base price of \$36 a barrel will go up this year.

But OPEC's largest producer, Saudi Arabia, may raise its price from \$32 to \$36 at the may 25th ministers meeting in Geneva to put it in line with the rest of OPEC, told reporters.

The minister said the world oil market is too weak to support an OPEC-wide price increase at the Geneva meeting. He said he "much doubts" that the market would allow such an increase for the rest of the year.

Meanwhile, Mexico and Venezuela Wednesday agreed jointly to supply more countries with oil on concessional terms.

A communique issued in Mexico City at the end of a three-day official visit by Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins said Mexico and Venezuela would strengthen and expand the oil pact under which they supply the oil needs of central American and Caribbean countries.

Dollar recovers, gold slumps

LONDON, April 9 (AP) — The dollar gained against most key currencies in quiet trading Thursday, buoyed by rising U.S. interest rates and the easing of tension in Poland. However, gold dropped below \$500 an ounce in London.

Foreign exchange dealers said the dollar recouped Wednesday's losses almost everywhere on the European market. They cited stronger Eurodollar interest rates as helping the recovery of the dollar.

Bullion dealers, however, could see little reason for the slump in gold in Europe. The metal closed \$3 dollars down \$511.50 a troy ounce, in Zurich the slump came late in London where trading continues after Zurich closes. Gold slumped to \$498.50 an ounce in London, down \$10 from Wednesday's \$508.50 and the lowest level since March 17 when the metal closed at \$97 an ounce.

In Tokyo, the dollar closed at 213.80 yen, slightly up on Wednesday's 213.40-yen closer. In London, the British pound opened nearly one cent up on Wednesday's close of \$2.1110. By evening, sterling traded at \$2.1970.

Other European rates compared to Wednesday's closing: 5.0460 French francs, up from 5.0130, 2.1400 German mark, up from 2.1150, 1.9485 Swiss francs, up from 1.92525, and 1.1065.50 Italian lira, up from 1056.50.

EEC rejects French plea for wheat sale to Russia

STRASBOURG, April 9 (R) — The European Economic Community (EEC) Commission has rejected a French request to export 600,000 tons of wheat to the Soviet Union, EEC sources said.

At a meeting here during a session of the European Parliament, the commission decided that the current healthy state of the cereals market meant the sale of the wheat to the Soviet Union was unnecessary, the sources said.

France has been pressing the commission to allow the sale saying it had 1.2 million tons of surplus wheat to get rid of in the current season. It said a precedent existed for the sale of this quantity of wheat to the Soviet Union.

EEC ministers decided in January 1980 to limit cereals sales to the Soviet Union to traditional levels following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Britain and Germany have said that the proposed French sale would have gone well beyond this limit. The EEC sources said the commission shared this belief.

French officials in Brussels have said that U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig had told the French ambassador to Washington last week that he had no objections to the sale. The EEC exported a total of 5,000 tons of wheat to the Soviet Union between 1977 and 1979. But, under contracts made before the decision to limit deliveries to traditional levels, it exported almost 600,000 tons in the

first six months of 1980. France says that this effectively set a precedent for its proposed sale which would have been made at a subsidized rate through community export tenders.

The sources said the EEC was currently exporting about 200,000 tons of wheat a week and this healthy state of the market made sales to the Soviet Union unnecessary.

Algeria, Belgium reach accord on LNG price

ALGIERS, April 9 (R) — A new formula for fixing natural gas prices has been fixed by the Algerian and Belgian governments for deliveries of gas to the Belgian firm Distrigaz by the Algerian agency Sonatrach, the official Algerian news agency APS has said here.

APS said Wednesday the new formula takes into account the Algerian demand to bring gas prices in line with those of oil and constitutes "a highly positive result for the two enterprises" after a year of negotiations.

The formula gives Algeria "the satisfaction of a price current on the international liquefied natural gas (LNG) market level, and a progressive mechanism in terms of prices related to the parity between the calorific content of natural gas and crude oil," the agency said.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tender No.	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of PTT, Saudi Telephones in the Eastern Region	Construction of a 5000-square meter warehouse	—	1000	14.4.81
Ministry of PTT Saudi Telephones	Supply of multi-purpose annameters	310060	100	20.4.81
Saudi Red Crescent Society, Riyadh	Supply of miscellaneous Vehicles for 1401/1402	—	150	25.4.81
Secretariat of Jeddah	1—Jeddah Corniche, central area, youth welfare flyover	1	10000	18.5.81
	2—Cemetery fencing at Mecca	2	1000	20.5.81

PORTS AUTHORITY

JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 9TH APRIL, 1981, 5TH J. THANJ. 1401

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
5.	Irish Oak	Barber	Timber	7.4.81
7.	Maldiva Pioneer	O. Trada	Sorghum/Maize/Gen.	1.4.81
8.	Don Antonio Botelho	Alsabah	Bagged Barley	8.4.81
13.	Polix	M.T.A.	Timber/Contra.	7.4.81
15.	Hilco Scampar	Star	Reefer	7.4.81
18.	Achilleus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	2.4.81
19.	La Costa	Alsabah	Bulk Cement	6.4.81
21.	Aghios Gerassimos	SSMSC	Rice/Grain/Beans	8.4.81
25.	norsa Herald	M.T.A.	Contra/Timber/Poles/Gen.	7.4.81
26.	Sealuck 2	A.A.	Barley	7.4.81
27.	Zoe II	El Hawi	Durra/Melon Seed	4.4.81
38.	Alaska II	O.C.E.	Oranges	8.4.81
40.	Maldiva Amity	O. Trada	Tiles/Grain/Beans	8.4.81
41.	Dory	Star	Durra	4.4.81
42.	Caribbean Dreams	Alsabah	Rebar/Gen.	6.4.81
Ro Ro	Jolly Araganto	Abdallah	Ro Ro	7.4.81

RECENT ARRIVALS:

Don Antonio	Alsabah	Bagged Barley	8.4.81
Botelho	Orri	Timber	9.4.81
Nouran	O.C.E.	Oranges	8.4.81
Alaska II	S.M.A.	Durra/Honey	8.4.81
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VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS:

Sanix Bala	Kanoo	Contra/Steel/Pipes/General	9.4.81
Iktinos	Aliреза	G. Cement/Foodstuffs/General	"
Rafaela	El Hawi	H. Lifts/Contra/Foodstuffs	"
Vassiliki	HSSC	Agricultural Products	"
Ever Light	A'salibi	Containers	"
Hilda Del Mar	Red Sea	Contra/Load MTYs	"
Ivan Shepeikov	A.E.T.	Contra/Load MTYs	"
Nedlloyd Rosario	Alatas	Contra/Ro Ro Units	"
Saint Servan	SFTC	Contra/Mail/Gen.	"

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 5.6.1401/5.4.1981 CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS

1.	Mount Olympus	Gulf	Bulk Barley	12.2.81
3.	Emeraldic	H.Speed	Sugar in Bags	8.4.81
4.	Han Woo	OCE	General STEEL	7.4.81
10.	Takis Alexaskos	Gosabi	Loading Urea	6.4.81
11.	Princess Jada	Gosabi	Bagged Cement	6.4.81
14.	Kao Mu	Gosabi	Gen/Contra	6.4.81
15.	Sai Narak	Orri	General	6.4.81
27N.	Scan Crusader	Barber	Bulk Bentonite	7.4.81
27S.	Maldive Neighbour	UEP	Loading Sugar Bags	7.4.81
28.	K.Z. Michalos	General	General	6.4.81
30.	Safina-e-Prahmat	SCM	Bagged Rice	8.4.81
31.	Myung Jin	SEA	General	7.4.81
32.	Atlas Premier	Gulf	Gen/Steel Bars	8.4.81
33.	Han Nara	OCE	General	8.4.81
36.	Kiwi Arrow (D.B.)	As Sabah	Bulk Cement	6.4.81
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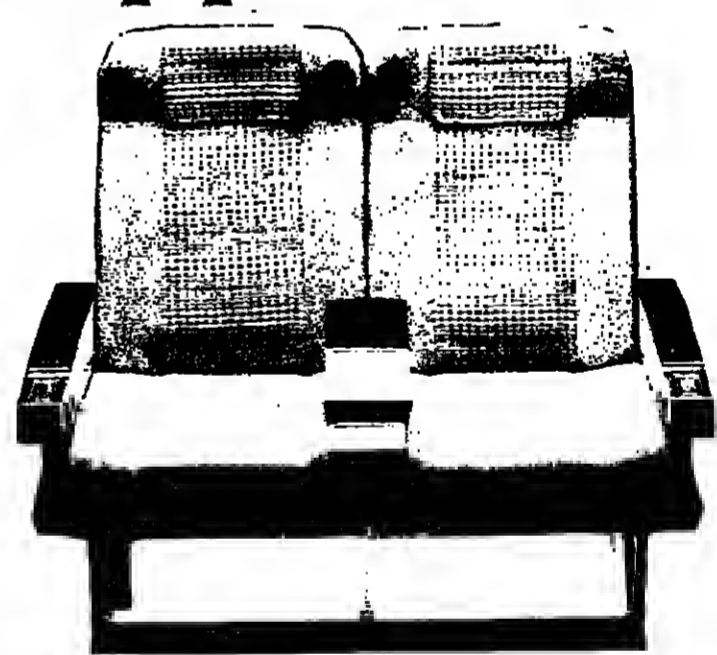
Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Thursday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.60	8.91
Belgian Franc (1,000)	97.00	107.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.83	3.20	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	158.00	158.50	157.00
Dutch Guilder (100)	143.00	142.00	141.90
Egyptian Pound	—	4.10	4.35
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	91.00	91.35
French Franc (100)	67.00	67.50	66.65
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	66.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.75
Iranian Ryal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	32.00	33.50	31.80
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.70	—	15.90
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.48	10.36
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.24	12.20
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	84.80	84.60
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	71.00	71.10
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.41	7.43	7.38
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	92.00	92.20
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	160.00
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	38.85
Swiss Franc (100)	174.00	174.50	172.25
Syrian Lira (100)	—	55.35	86.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.35	3.36	3.353
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.45	73.45

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Arabs protest Israeli status

Geneva talks on aid for refugees begin

GENEVA, April 9 (AP) — A high-level pledging conference on African refugees opened Thursday with urgent appeals for international generosity and a dispute about Israel's presence among 84 countries represented at the meeting.

The principal goal of the conference is to solicit millions of dollars in pledges to aid Africa's refugees, estimated at as many as 5 million persons.

"Millions of people are placing their hopes in us today and we must not disappoint them," United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim declared in opening the two-day session. The disagreement over the status to grant Israel delayed the conference nearly two hours.

Several Arab delegations boycotted the opening ceremony. Saudi Arabia, Syria, Iraq, Algeria, Kuwait and Bahrain were among the empty seats when the conference opened.

The United States threatened to pull out of the conference if the Israeli delegation was excluded or simply given observer status, as Arab states had demanded, the sources said. The Arab states also said that they might not contribute financially if they had to sit along-

side Israel's delegation, which was present at the opening. The dispute was apparently resolved by Waldheim.

It was not clear how the dispute was resolved. Waldheim made no reference to it in his opening speech. China and Cuba, are attending the conference, but no eastern European country was present.

Ambassador Joel Bdami, chief Israeli delegate, said Arab states were seeking the withdrawal of Israel's invitation.

The conference, organized by the United Nations, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and the organization of African Unity, has before it a set of extensive aid requests submitted by 30 African countries. The proposed assistance amounts to \$1.24 billion and includes \$78 million for "emergency assistance" to refugees and \$13.1 million for "infrastructure support projects," including schools and roadways.

The United States said Thursday it would provide \$285 million in aid for African refugees over the next two years if the assistance is approved by the U.S. Congress.

The commission of the European Economic Community said it would send \$15.6 million in emergency aid for refugees and displaced persons in Somalia, Zaire, Sudan, Nigeria and Uganda. The aid would be channeled through humanitarian organizations or to the governments of the recipient countries themselves, the commission said in a statement.

Most of the aid — \$12 million — will go to Somalia where the number of refugees is estimated to be as high as 1.5 million including 900,000 persons who have fled from Uganda.

Urging delegates to present a "united front of solidarity" in the face of the problem, the chairman of the Organization of African Unity, President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone told the meeting: "The expectations of all Africa are pinned on this conference. I want to believe that these hopes can rise to fulfillment."

Stevens warned that if the deteriorating situation was "not arrested forthwith, this matter of refugees may soon create a healthy hazard of international dimensions. As more and more people are dying in the countryside, in the bush, epidemics and plagues may develop and be transported to various part of the world."

"You are invited to know that human beings like yourselves are perishing daily. I invite you to lay aside your differences and tackle this international problem with all the urgency you can muster," Stevens declared. "This is not time for bickering, no time for conflicts, no time for differences."

Labor MP suspended in Britain

LONDON, April 9 (AP) — A left-wing member of the opposition Labor Party has been suspended from the House of Commons for a week after accusing a minister of "lying" about two Scotsmen arrested for distributing leaflets supporting the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

Ron Brown, one of three Labor legislators who visited Soviet-occupied Afghanistan last January, was ordered from the House Wednesday after shouting at solicitor-general for Scotland, Nicholas Fairbairn, to tell the truth about the arrests. Fairbairn said in February the two Scotsmen were arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, which allows detention for seven days without charge, and were not subsequently charged.

Brown insisted Wednesday that the two were charged, and declared: "So why did the minister deny this? Why did they (the government) lie to us?" Under the House of Commons rules, the word "lie" is forbidden — when referring to legislators. As members of the ruling Conservative Party shouted for Brown's dismissal, Speaker George Thomas ordered him to leave the chamber for "gross discourtesy to the chair," and to stay away for a week.

The Scotsmen, Michael Duffield and Kirstin Crosbie, were arrested last August and held for a week after distributing leaflets and chanting pro-IRA statements outside a Glasgow soccer stadium. They were charged merely with breaching the peace. Duffield was fined \$352 and Crosbie \$294.

The men belonged to a small leftist organization, the Revolutionary Communist Group, which supports the IRA's fight to reunite the British-run Northern Ireland with the Irish Republic.

Brown, unrepentant, told reporters outside the House of Commons that he had "documentary evidence that the minister was lying." After the Afghanistan visit in January, Brown called on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government to recognize the Moscow-backed regime of President Babrak Karmal — arousing widespread controversy here.

Vienna talks end with no progress

VIENNA, April 9 (AP) — The central European troop reduction talks between NATO and the Warsaw Pact recessed Thursday with both sides reporting no progress in the three-month 23rd round. Representatives to the mutual balanced force reduction talks, now in their eighth year, expressed disappointment over the talks.

The round was deadlocked by disagreement over the number of Soviet bloc forces stationed in eastern Europe. Wilhelm de Vos Van Steenwijk, Dutch ambassador to the talks, charged that the eastern delegations had tried "to turn back the clock" during recent negotiations.

The East, De Vos said, "seemed to move away from mutually acceptable positions on a number of issues."

Emil Kebulsek, Czechoslovakia's ambassador, said the West's insistence on discussions of current troop levels is a "vicious circle" preventing talks progress.

Bloc delegations suggested the question of existing troop levels be set aside and that both sides concentrate on actual reductions. Kebulsek said the West's focus on current forces is meant to acquire information about the organizational structure of Warsaw Pact troops, which does not fall within the scope of negotiations.



GUNMAN COAXED: A Macon, Georgia, U.S. police officer tries to coax a man identified as Willie C. Norman to surrender Wednesday. Norman who had robbed a Macon jewelry store only a block away was chased and fired at by the store owner. Norman fired back and then was surrounded by police. Facing a gun at his forehead, Norman had a standoff with the police for 40 minutes, then gave up. No one was hurt.

Troops will explain Salvador probes massacre

SAN SALVADOR, April 9 (AP) — Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia has said security force members allegedly responsible for killing 30 persons in an outlying neighborhood of the capital will explain the circumstances under which the mass slaying took place.

At a news conference here Wednesday, Garcia also warned of a possible coup aimed at toppling the ruling civilian-military junta and, without mentioning names, he referred to former junta members, "whose primary objective," he said, "was to destroy the military."

Some 200 persons attending the defense minister's news conference at the American Chamber of Commerce here rose to the edge of their chairs when he suddenly announced, "Please don't be alarmed, but I've just been told there is an explosive device in this place that could explode at any moment."

Garcia asked, "What do we do, leave or stay?" When a majority answered back that they should stay Garcia commended them on their bravery and said the threat was an example of "the psychological warfare of extremists." Guards searched the building but found no bombs. No group claimed responsibility for the threat.

Residents in the poor, eastern suburbs of Monte Carmelo, have said that carloads of heavily armed men, pulled people out of their homes and shot them in the street. In the morning one street in the neighborhood was strewn with bodies for 100 yards. It was one of the worst single examples of bloodshed here in two years.

Some of the victims were clad in their underclothing and shot at point-blank range, which does not coincide with what the military first reports said. But the military pointed out most of the victims were fully clad, and noted at the early hour, most should have been clad differently if they were sleeping.

Residents said police and National Guardsmen did the shooting. First official reports said only there had been "some disturbance in the area" and it was being investigated. Later in the day a Defense Ministry spokesman said a patrol searching the area was fired upon, and the bodies in the street were a result of the ensuing fighting. The same spokesman said no massacre had been planned, and "one must have a sick mind to plan something like that."

Basque policeman shot

BILBAO, Spain, April 9 (AP) — In a fresh outburst of violence in Spain's Basque country gunmen Thursday killed a policeman and wounded three others, one of them critically. Francisco Frances Anton was the 15th victim of political unrest in the Basque country this year and the second policeman slain in 24 hours in Vizcaya province.

Police said they believed members of the Basque Separatist Organization (ETA) were responsible for the slayings. They said the occupants of a van fired their submachine guns on another van carrying eight national policemen to a road checkpoint in the outskirts of Bilbao.

Waldheim for Moscow

UNITED NATIONS, April 9 (R) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has accepted a Soviet invitation to visit Moscow next month, reliable sources said Thursday. It would be his second visit. May, 1979, he had talks with the then Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Lately, Waldheim has expressed growing concern about what he regards as a sharply deteriorated international situation, especially in relations between Moscow and Washington. May 4 was mentioned as a likely date for Waldheim's arrival in Moscow.

Haig arrives in Madrid, supports democracy

MADRID, April 9 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig Thursday embarked on the delicate task of reassuring Spain that the new Reagan administration firmly supports the country's delicate young democracy. Haig arrived Wednesday night from Rome and the Middle East amid a suspicious and sometimes hostile local press campaign about U.S. intentions toward Spain.

Spain's democratic institutions are still trying to recover from a traumatic attempted military coup on Feb. 23. The coup was aimed at halting the country's cautious move toward parliamentary rule following the death of Francisco Franco in 1975.

Spanish authorities were distressed and the liberal press incensed when Haig first described the February assault on Parliament by rebel civil guards as an internal affair for Spain. Subsequent statements of warm support for Spanish democracy by President Reagan and the State Department have not dispelled all suspicion that U.S. authorities are only lukewarm in their backing for parliamentary rule here.

Haig Thursday called on Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez Llorca for the main purpose of his visit to Madrid: talks on the revision of the treaty on the four U.S. bases in Spain which expires in September, and the possibility of Spain joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The treaty, signed almost 30 years ago by Francisco Franco and U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower and renewed every five years since, is balanced in favor of the Americans, it is felt in Madrid, and should be modified radically.

The treaty renewal and Spanish membership of NATO, which Spanish diplomatic sources said was hoped for by the next general elections scheduled for March 1983, could be inter-dependent, observers said. The treaty could thus be renewed for a temporary period of 18 months or two years while Spain becomes fully integrated into western Europe with membership of the European Economic Community as well as NATO.

Haig then had talks with Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo. Reliable sources said they discussed the same subjects as with Perez Llorca, along with the consequences of the abortive right-wing coup last February.

The secretary of state was accompanied by Perez Llorca, with whom he later had lunch, to the Zarzeña Palace for a meeting with King Juan Carlos.



DRUG ARREST: Craig Richard Clymore, one of the 101 hostages held aboard a Pakistani airliner in March, waves to the press as he arrives at the Drug Enforcement Administration in New York Monday. Clymore is under indictment with eight others on charges of conspiring to smuggle heroin and hashish oil into the United States between October 1979 and January 1981.

Giscard among 10 candidates designated for poll

PARIS, April 9 (AP) — The Constitutional Council announced Thursday that 10 candidates had fulfilled the legal requirements necessary to run in the April 26 opening round of the French presidential election. Under the constitution, candidates must present to the council, not later than 19 days before the election, the signatures of support from a minimum of 500 elected officials in at least 30 different French departments or territories. The deadline was Tuesday.

Of the more than 40 declared candidates, 10 were successful in gathering the required signatures from among the 38,000 elected officials in metropolitan France and the overseas territories.

They were: President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, seeking a second seven-year term; Socialist Francois Mitterrand, Communist Georges Marchais, neo-Gaullist Jacques

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazem

I read a book which appeared in London recently, dealing with Israeli intelligence — and a depressing long boast it turned out to be, so much so that I decided not to review it for my readers. It made me, in fact, think of our own services, and the poor job they seem to do against the enemy. But then I looked at the papers here and found myself being cheered no end. For, our incompetence in this field has surely been matched, and more, by that erstwhile pet bogey, British Intelligence, at least from the end of World War II until now.

Everyone has, of course, heard of that trinity of defectors, Burgess, Maclean and Philby. Well, here in Britain the fourth man has at last surfaced, the art historian Anthony Blunt, who had had an illustrious career in various places of learning before being unmasked and — mildly — disgraced.

People, who thought that that was that as far as scandals in the intelligence services were concerned, were soon disappointed. An even more shattering revelation followed, which is that the chief of British counterespionage himself was suspected of being a KGB "mole". Mrs. Thatcher denied the rumor in Parliament, but it was admitted that the man had been under investigation, and that it was a matter merely of finding no proof.

That, everyone thought, was the cherry on that particular cake. But no. News has come from a journalist that back in the late sixties, another journalist, a very senior one, had actually contacted Lord Mountbatten to sell him the idea of a coup against the Wilson government of the time. A military coup! In good old Britain! What next!

Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

U.S. general Bradley dies

NEW YORK, April 9 (R) — U.S. Army Gen. Omar Bradley, who commanded over a million allied troops in Europe during World War II, died Wednesday night, hospital officials said. He was 88.

Bradley, the last American five-star general who commanded in chief of the U.S. forces which landed in Normandy in occupied France on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He had been confined to a wheelchair for several years after a series of medical problems. He was operated on for massive blood clots in both lungs in 1973, and two years later suffered a stroke and underwent brain surgery.

Bradley was named commander in chief of American forces at Normandy by Dwight Eisenhower, his former classmate at the West Point Military Academy. After commanding the U.S. second corps in North Africa, Bradley moved to Britain to prepare for the invasion of France.

He commanded the 12th Army Group the chief striking force for the invasion. He said later: "The first time I make an apology for the American and British fighting men you can take me out and hang me. They have done everything a soldier can possibly do."

Bradley was born in Clark, Missouri on Feb. 12, 1893, the son of a school teacher. He graduated from West Point in 1915 in a class which contained 30 future generals. After the war he became chairman of the Giant Bulova Watch Company until resigning on health grounds in 1973.

Weinberger in Rome

ROME, April 9 (AFP) — United States Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger arrived here Thursday for a 24-hour visit, the day after a similar brief stop by Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

Weinberger's visit also follows the meeting in Bonn of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Nuclear Planning Group, where differences emerged between Washington and its European allies on the urgency of restarting negotiations with the Soviet Union on nuclear missiles in Europe.

The missiles and Poland were expected to figure in talks Weinberger will have with Italian Defense Minister Lello Lavarolo, Prime Minister Arnaldo Forlani and foreign Minister Emilio Colombo, diplomatic sources said.

Chirac, Michel Debre, another Gaullist, Brice Lalonde, running on the ecologist ticket, Michel Crepeau, head of the Radical Left Movement, Marie-France Garam, a Gaullist-minded independent, Arlette Laguiller of the Trotskyist Workers Struggle, and Huguette Bouchardean of the Unified Socialist Party.

The list will be published Friday marking the official opening of the presidential campaign. If, as expected, none of the candidates wins a majority in the first round, the top two vote-getters will meet in a head-to-head runoff May 10.

Meanwhile, Gaston Defferre, leader of the French Socialists in the National Assembly, Thursday protested to the Constitutional Council that radio and television were biased in favor of Giscard d'Estaing on radio and television.

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